



**Officials Order Fantasy Sports Sites to Shut Down in Nevada**

In this Sept. 9, 2015 file photo, Devlin D'Zmura, a tending news manager at DraftKings, a daily fantasy sports company, works on his laptop at the company's offices in Boston. Customers of the two biggest daily fantasy sports websites have filed at least four lawsuits against the sites in Oct. 2015, following cheating allegations and a probe into the largely-unregulated multi-billion dollar industry. In court papers, the customers accused the DraftKings and FanDuel sites of cheating, and argued they never would have played had they known employees with insider knowledge were playing on rival sites.

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# Conservative Canadian leader fighting to stay in power

**ROB GILLIES**

**Associated Press**

**TORONTO (AP)** — Conservative Prime Minister Stephen Harper's nearly 10 years in power could end next week, along with his dream of shattering Canada's image as a liberal bastion.

Harper, one of the longest-serving Western leaders, is seeking a rare fourth term in Monday's election but polls show him narrowly trailing Liberal leader Justin Trudeau, the son of late Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, one of Canada's most charismatic politicians.

A Trudeau victory could ease Canada's tensions with the administration of President Barack Obama, whose reluctance to approve the Keystone XL pipeline has damaged ties between the two major trading partners. The Alberta-to-Texas pipeline is important to Canada, which needs infrastructure to export its growing oil sands production.

Trudeau supports the project but it's not a do-or-die issue like it is for Harper, who represents a district in oil-rich Alberta. The Liberal candidate said Friday repairing relations will be a top priority.

"The relationship between Canada and the United

States, that has been so soured over the past 10 years between our prime minister and Presi-

secutive elections and nudged a traditionally center-left country to the right. He gradually low-

Liberals would be personally devastating. Former colleagues say his long-term goal is nothing

Harper, Harper will just go through the roof or maybe he'll melt like the Wicked Witch of the West."

The Liberals lead the Conservatives by almost 6 percentage points. According to the CTV/Globe and Mail/Nanos Nightly Tracking Poll, the Liberals are at 36.5 percent, followed by the Conservatives at 30.6 percent. The New Democrats, a leftist party that moved to the center in a bid to get elected for the first time, are at 23.5 percent. The margin of error for the survey of 1,200 respondents is 2.8 percentage points.

A minority government in the 338-seat Parliament appears likely no matter which party wins the most seats. That would mean the winning party would have a shaky hold on power and need to rely on another party to pass legislation. Harper has said he'll step down as Conservative leader if his party loses.

But Antonia Maioni, a political science professor at Montreal's McGill University, is not counting Harper out, noting the Conservatives have a strong and growing base and "after 10 years of power, perhaps against all odds, is at least competitive to form a government." □



**Conservative leader Stephen Harper pauses for a moment as he attends a campaign event at the J.P. Bowman tool and die company in Brantford, Ontario, Canada.**

(Jonathan Hayward/The Canadian Press via AP)

dent Obama especially, is much larger than just the Keystone XL pipeline," Trudeau said. "That has actually been a point of frustration for the Americans that I've spoken with, that all this government wants to talk about is a single pipeline project."

Harper has done what many thought impossible since coming to power in 2006: He won three con-

ered sales and corporate taxes, avoided climate change legislation, supported the oil industry against environmentalists and backed Israel's right-wing government. He has put a more conservative face on the nation of 35 million, deemphasizing health care and multiculturalism as the things that make Canadians proud. For Harper, a loss to the

short of redefining what it means to be Canadian, killing the long-held notion that the Liberals — the party of long-time leaders Pierre Trudeau and Jean Chretien — are Canada's natural party.

"His whole being is about destroying the Liberals," said Robert Bothwell, a Canadian history professor at the University of Toronto. "If Justin beats

## UN chief marks World Food Day at Expo 2015 world's fair

**COLLEEN BARRY**

**Associated Press**

**MILAN (AP)** — Calling hunger "a terrible injustice," U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Friday marked World Food Day with a visit to the Milan Expo World's Fair, which is focused on food security and nutrition. Bidding to invigorate a global commitment to eradicating hunger by 2030, Ban called for a pledge "for food security for all the people around the world — to build a global movement to end hunger. This will go hand in hand with greater health, economic development and social inclusion for individuals and societies."



**United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, left, shakes hands with Italian soccer legend Roberto Baggio, at the Expo World's Fair on the occasion of the UN World Food Day in Rho, near Milan, Italy, Friday, Oct. 16, 2015.**

(Stefano Porta/ANSA via AP)

With nearly 800 million people hungry in the world, combatting hunger and

malnutrition is emerging as a global focal point, not just at World Food Day but

also at the U.N. General Assembly last month when world leaders backed the U.N.'s 17 sustainable goals, which include eliminating poverty and hunger in 15 years. The papal encyclical on the climate in June also addressed the issue. "Hunger is more than a lack of food," Ban said. "It's a terrible injustice." Speakers Friday also noted that hunger is a factor behind the migrant crisis. "People seek refuge or migrate to other lands, to other countries when there is no opportunity, no food and no hope at home," WFP Executive Director Ertharin Cousin said. Cousin told The Associated

Press that there is concern that the current refugee crisis is just "the tip of the iceberg" if issues of poverty and hunger are not addressed. By 2040, he said, an estimated 83 percent of the population will live in more vulnerable Africa, Asia and Latin America. Italian officials presented the secretary-general with the Milan Charter, signed by more than 1 million people, including some but not all of the visiting national delegations during the six-month world's fair, containing individual commitments aimed at helping secure food and water for the world's growing population. □





## Close Clinton aide faces questions on Benghazi attacks

**MATTHEW DALY**  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A special Republican-led House panel questioned a longtime aide to Democrat presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton about the deadly 2012 attacks in Benghazi, Libya, despite Democrats' insistence that Huma Abedin had little knowledge about details of the terror strikes.

Abedin, committee staff and a few lawmakers met behind closed doors for several hours Friday at a session focused on the Sept. 11, 2012, attacks that killed four Americans, including Ambassador Chris Stevens. Clinton, the front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination, is scheduled to appear before the panel on Thursday in a widely anticipated public hearing.

The decision to question Abedin angered the panel's top Democrat, Rep. Elijah Cummings, and the Clinton campaign.

"She had no policy responsibilities, no operational responsibilities and was not with Secretary Clinton on the night of this phenomenal tragedy," Cummings told reporters after breaking away momentarily from the day's proceedings.

Abedin is vice chairwoman of Clinton's campaign and was a top State Department aide when Clinton served as secretary of state. She also worked in Clinton's Senate office.

In a statement, the campaign suggested that calling Abedin as a witness was a fresh sign of the panel's partisanship.

"The committee's focus on Huma (as opposed to numerous intelligence and defense community officials still outstanding) is ad-

ditional evidence that the actual attack in Benghazi, and its lessons about how we might better protect diplomats serving in dangerous places, are the last things on the committee's mind," said Nick Merrill, a campaign spokesman, in a statement.

Republicans have defended the panel's investigation as the committee comes under intense scrutiny after two House Republicans described its work as partisan and aimed at hurting Clinton's presidential bid, a characterization the panel's chairman rejects.

Rep. Trey Gowdy took the unusual step on Thursday of chiding a fellow Republican, who said the investigation was designed in part "to go after" Clinton. Gowdy said the comments by Rep. Richard Hanna were "unfortunate" and misinformed. Hanna is not a committee member. Gowdy did not attend the Thursday session.

A former Republican staffer also has criticized its work as solely focused on Clinton while describing a less-than-professional atmosphere, with an informal wine club nicknamed "Wine Wednesdays," and several Republican staff members spending time forming a gun-buying club. Gowdy has dismissed those criticisms as coming from a disgruntled employee who was fired. House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, a Republican, said late last month that the Benghazi panel could take credit for Clinton's recent drop in public opinion polls. He later retracted the comment. Democrats, who have complained about the \$4.5 million, 17-month probe, have seized on McCarthy's comments. □



Huma Abedin, a longtime aide to Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton, walks past a reporter as she returns to a hearing room on Capitol Hill in Washington, Friday, Oct. 16, 2015, after a lunch break where she testified at a closed-door hearing of the House Benghazi Committee. (AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

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## Obama: If North Korea serious on denuclearization, we'll talk



President Barack Obama meets with South Korean President Park Geun-hye, Friday, Oct. 16, 2015, in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington.

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

**M. PENNINGTON**  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — U.S. is ready to negotiate with longtime adversary North Korea as it has with Iran, but

Pyongyang has to be serious about abandoning nuclear weapons, President Barack Obama said Friday. Obama was speaking after meeting with South Korean

President Park Geun-hye, a close ally, who echoed the U.S. leader's view. The North has conducted three nuclear tests since 2006 and is developing a

mobile ballistic missile that could potentially hit the U.S. Obama said Iran had been prepared to have a "serious conversation" about the possibility of giving up the pursuit of nuclear weapons. He said there's no indication of that in North Korea's case. International aid-for-disarmament talks with the North stalled seven years ago. "At the point where Pyongyang says, 'We're interested in seeing relief from sanctions and improved relations, and we are prepared to have a serious conversation about denuclearization,' it's fair to say we'll be right there at the table," Obama told a joint news conference. However, he added that North Korea's violation of past agreements called into question its willingness to allow the kind of "rigorous" verification regimes put in place with Iran. Park's visit follows heightened tensions this summer

at the heavily militarized border between the two Koreas, and speculation that North Korea could be planning another nuclear test explosion or a rocket launch into space using ballistic missile technology. In a joint statement issued after Friday's meeting, the U.S. and South Korea said that if North Korea takes such a step, "it will face consequences, including seeking further significant measures by the UN Security Council." The statement also said they would never accept North Korea as a nuclear weapons state. Park has cultivated closer relations with China as she looks to coax Beijing away from its traditional embrace of Pyongyang. Last month, she prompted handwringing in Washington when she attended a Chinese military parade marking the end of World War II that was snubbed by leaders of most major democracies. □



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## Hispanic coalition: Take Trump off 'Saturday Night Live'



Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks at a rally in Las Vegas. A Hispanic coalition is condemning NBC's "Saturday Night Live" for inviting Trump to host the show. In a letter sent Thursday, Oct. 15, 2015, to the show's producer, Lorne Michaels, and the CEO of NBC Universal, Stephen Burke, the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda said the network was enabling Trump's "hateful speech" in exchange for ratings.

(AP Photo/John Locher)

LYNN ELBER

AP Television Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — NBC is enabling Donald Trump's "hateful speech" about Hispanics by giving him a platform as host of "Saturday Night Live" and should pull the invitation, a coalition of Hispanic advocacy

groups said.

In a letter to NBC Universal CEO Stephen Burke and "SNL" executive producer Lorne Michaels, the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda said it applauded the company when it severed its beauty-pageant ties with Trump over his re-

marks about Hispanic immigrants.

Trump hasn't apologized for his "bigoted comments" that included describing some Mexicans in the United States illegally as criminals and rapists, the group said, and it is "flabbergasted" by NBC's deci-

sion to put Trump on "SNL" on Nov. 7.

"We are appalled that you would enable Trump's hateful speech for nothing (more) than a ratings ploy and ask that you rescind the SNL invitation," the group said in a letter sent Thursday and released publicly.

NBC Universal, "SNL" and Trump did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

In an interview earlier this week with Fox News Channel in which he was asked about similar criticism, Trump said he had no reaction, then added that polls show he's "doing very well with Hispanics."

Trump's appearance on "Saturday Night Live" will end up "sanitizing" his re-

marks with humor, said Felix Sanchez, who is chairman and co-founder of the National Hispanic Foundation for the Arts and among those who signed the letter.

NBC Universal is being contradictory, Sanchez said, courting Hispanic viewers with its Spanish-language platforms but giving them a "slap in the face" by putting Trump on the air.

The National Hispanic Leadership Agenda, which includes 40 national and regional civil rights and public policy groups, is reviewing further action, Sanchez said,

including such options as staging protests the night of the telecast or calling for boycotts of the show or network. □

## 3rd GOP debate to be capped at 2 hours

DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — CNBC and the Republican presidential candidates agreed on the format for their third debate a day after leaders Donald Trump and Ben Carson threatened to boycott unless they got their way, the network said.

The Oct. 28 debate will be two hours long and will include closing statements from the candidates, CNBC spokesman Brian Steel said Friday.

The billionaire businessman and the retired neurosurgeon, in a joint letter to CNBC's Washington bureau chief on Thursday,

had told the hosting network they would not appear at the debate unless it was capped at two hours including commercials and the candidates were allowed to speak directly to the camera at its opening and close.

The Republican National Committee and candidates began discussing the format on Wednesday, RNC spokesman Sean Spicer said.

CNBC had proposed two hours of debating time not including four commercial breaks, meaning the time the candidates would be onstage would be about 15 minutes longer.

The most recent debate, on CNN, lasted three hours with commercial breaks, a duration that left some of the candidates complaining. Since the debates have set records for high ratings, television networks have an incentive to keep the candidates onstage and on the air for as long as they possibly can.

CNBC had initially called for no opening and closing statements, which made some candidates unhappy because it would take away their best chance to speak directly to voters without having to be called on to respond to a question. □

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## Spokeswoman for Lamar Odom's aunt says he woke up and spoke

SALLY HO

Associated Press

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — A family representative said Lamar Odom has regained consciousness, speaking and even offering a thumbs-up from his hospital bed, just days after being found in extremely critical condition at a Nevada brothel. Alvina Alston, publicist for JaNean Mercer, Odom's maternal aunt and godmother, said that Odom spoke a greeting and gave a thumbs-up Friday morning, his first communication since being hospitalized in Las Vegas Tuesday.

A person who is close to estranged wife Khloe Kardashian, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because she was not authorized to release details of Odom's condition to the press, also said that he was able to say hi to Kardashian.

It serves as the first significant update on Odom's health since he was found unconscious and face-down at the Love Ranch in Crystal, Nevada, Tuesday afternoon.

Authorities are still retracing Odom's \$75,000, three-day visit to the brothel that started late afternoon Satur-



**This 2013 photo shows Los Angeles Clippers' Lamar Odom (7) during an NBA basketball game in Oakland, Calif. A family representative said Lamar Odom has regained consciousness, speaking and even offering a thumbs-up from his hospital bed, just days after being found in extremely critical condition at a Nevada brothel.**

day, with blood test results to determine what caused his medical episode still pending.

The brothel's owner and spokesman have said that he chose two women to accompany him in a VIP suite on his first visit to the ranch. Odom had said that he had done cocaine before his arrival, and the brothel said they saw him drink alcohol and take as

many as 10 supplements sold as "herbal Viagra." One brand that he took, Reload, was the subject of a 2013 warning from the Food and Drug Administration, which said the pill contained sildenafil, the active ingredient in prescription Viagra.

The brothel also said he became upset Sunday following a phone call where his ex's "Keeping Up with

(AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez)

the Kardashians" show was mentioned. But he was generally in a good mood, even suggesting that he stay an entire week at the brothel in the rural community.

Odom was then found unconscious there Tuesday with white and reddish substances coming from his nose and mouth. He was breathing and taken to Sunrise Hospital and Medi-

cal Center in Las Vegas.

Kardashian rushed to his side that night and since then, friends, teammates and loved ones have visited and posted messages on social media asking for prayers. On Wednesday at the hospital, the Rev. Jesse Jackson said Odom was on life support.

Friday's latest update on Odom's health condition comes as Mercer and Kardashian just hours earlier started speaking out to thank fans.

Kardashian had said her family won't be posting content on their apps while attending to his health crisis. The online message read: "As a family, we've decided to hold off on publishing content across our apps while we continue to support and pray for Lamar." She also thanked fans for their kindness and understanding. The message was addressed to fans as a note from Kardashian on her blog-like app. Announcing a posting black-out is a rarity for the family, who meticulously document their lives on various social media channels and on the "Keeping Up with the Kardashians" television show. □

## Teen wanted to leave church before beating, members say

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Associated Press

**NEW HARTFORD, New York (AP)** — The fatal beating of a teenager at his church erupted during a counseling session over his desire to leave the congregation, members of the insular group told police.

Congregants explained that was why the session was called Sunday at the Word of Life Christian Church in this town in northern New York state, Police Chief Michael Inserra said

Friday.

"We still have not concluded why the session turned so violent," Inserra said ahead of a court hearing for six people — including the victim's parents — who have been charged in the attack that left 19-year-old Lucas Leonard dead and his 17-year-old brother Christopher seriously injured.

A neighbor, James Constantine, also said Lucas had talked about moving on and had mentioned he

might join the Army.

Police have said church members were trying to get the brothers to confess their sins and seek forgiveness. After hours of being pounded with fists, whipped with cords and kicked, the elder teen died, and his brother was hospitalized.

Their mother, Deborah Leonard, felt helpless to stop an "intervention" that she didn't expect to become so harsh, said her lawyer, Devin Garramone. He said he doesn't believe

she caused the fatal injuries.

Meanwhile, the boys' father, Bruce Leonard, said what happened stemmed from a family matter unrelated to the church and that the parents didn't intend their son's grave injuries, according to his lawyer, Donald Gerace.

At Friday's preliminary hearing, prosecutors were expected to outline what they believe happened. They must reveal enough to persuade a judge to allow

the case to go forward.

Bruce and Deborah Leonard are charged with manslaughter, while the victims' 33-year-old sister, Sarah Ferguson, and three other people face assault charges. All have pleaded not guilty.

The roughly 30-year-old Word of Life church once had perhaps 40 or more members but now counts closer to 20, Inserra said. Some live at the church, which occupies a former school in New Hartford. □





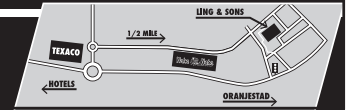
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## US Financial Front:

# Wal-Mart, others speed up holiday deliveries to shoppers

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**BETHELEHEM, Pa. (AP)** — Christmas won't come early this year, but the gifts might.

Just in time for the winter holiday shopping season, Amazon, Wal-Mart, Macy's and other retailers are working behind the scenes to make sure they can deliver online orders to shoppers faster.

Retailers are building bigger warehouses — some the size of 20 football fields — to handle shipments. They're also sending orders to shoppers directly from their stores and using sophisticated software that tells them the quickest, cheapest way to get orders shipped. And Amazon is cutting the time it takes to process an order from hours to minutes by using robots to pull items for shipment in its warehouses.

It's a race for time by retailers as more people shop online. U.S. online sales are expected to increase 12 percent to \$371 billion this year, accounting for 10 percent of overall retail sales, says Forrester Research. But as online shopping grows, so does the impatience of shoppers who want their orders fast.

Traditional brick-and-mortar stores are trying to catch up to Amazon.com, which set the standard for speed with its two-day delivery for

members of its Prime loyalty program who pay \$99 a year. But even Amazon feels pressure to please customers who have little tolerance for lengthy delivery waits.

speedy service is to make two-day delivery standard. That's half the average for standard delivery for the top 40 online retailers, according to data company StellaService. But most are

stores to ship to customers. The world's largest retailer also is spending \$1.2 billion to \$1.5 billion in online investments this year and \$1.1 billion next year. That's up from last year's \$1 bil-

line rivals. Since last year, the world's largest retailer has opened five warehouses across the country in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; Fort Worth, Texas; Plainfield, Indiana; and Atlanta to handle online orders. Next year, Wal-Mart plans to open another center in southern California, one in Dallas and two more in Florida.

The new warehouses each will ship hundreds of thousands of orders daily, four to five times its dozens of existing smaller warehouses.

Each new warehouse has several million items, five times the network of older warehouses. That will enable Wal-Mart to offer more consolidated orders arriving in fewer boxes.

"This is going to allow us to be more efficient, to do it faster, to do it cheaper and be more accurate with the orders, which is important with the customers," said Greg Foran, CEO of Wal-Mart's U.S. business.

One of Wal-Mart's two Bethlehem warehouses opened in July and is considered the retailer's crown jewel. It has two towers with four stories of the fastest moving items of the season that can be retrieved through a computerized chute. For example, for the holidays, that would include iPads and swimsuits for the summer. □



**Wal-Mart president and CEO Greg Foran wears a Wal-Mart workers vest as he talks with employees during a gathering for a preview at a new distribution facility in Bethlehem, Pa. Just in time for the winter holiday shopping season, Amazon, Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Macy's and other retailers are working behind the scenes to make sure they can deliver online orders to shoppers' homes faster and cheaper.**

(AP Photo/Mel Evans)

"I would like to plan ahead, but I've been able to wait until the last minute to get things done," said Keri Early, a Clyde, Illinois, resident who orders from Amazon frequently.

For many retailers, the goal to meet the demands of shoppers like Early for

stopping short of guaranteeing customers faster deliveries.

Wal-Mart says it aims to get packages to shoppers who get standard shipping within two days for a majority of the U.S. this holiday season. The retailer now uses 83 of its more than 4,500 U.S.

lion. The investments are squeezing profit: Wal-Mart stock tumbled Wednesday after it warned earnings would be down as much as 12 percent next year in part because of its heavy spending on e-commerce. Still, Wal-Mart is spending to stay competitive with on-

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## 4 Palestinians killed by Israeli fire in unrest, stabbing

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Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP)

— Stone-throwing protests erupted across the West Bank and Gaza on Friday, and assailants firebombed a site revered by Jews as the tomb of biblical Joseph on a “day of rage” against Israel. Four Palestinians were killed by Israeli fire, including a laborer disguised as a journalist who stabbed an Israeli soldier.

The U.N. Security Council convened an emergency meeting to discuss the escalation, which has been marked by a spate of Palestinian stabbing attacks and an Israeli security crackdown. Troops manned roadblocks in Arab neighborhoods of Je-

rusalem, a center of unrest, and ordered some Palestinian men to lift their shirts to show they were not armed. The violence comes at a time when a possible partition of the land between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean into two states — Palestine alongside Israel — is fading. This has left many Palestinians frustrated because all paths to independence appear blocked. The tensions have also been stoked by Palestinian fears that Israel is trying to expand its presence at a major Muslim-run shrine in Jerusalem, a claim Israel has denied. Taye-Brook Zerihoun, a senior U.N. official, told the Security Council that Israel’s long rule over the Palestinians and dimin-



**Wounded Israeli soldier is carried into an ambulance after he was stabbed by a Palestinian during clashes in Hebron, West Bank Friday, Oct. 16, 2015. The Palestinian man wearing a yellow “press” vest and a T-shirt identifying him as journalist stabbed and wounded an Israeli soldier in the West Bank city of Hebron on Friday before being shot dead by troops, the latest in a monthlong spate of attacks.**  
(AP Photo/Nasser Shiyoukhi)

ishing prospects for achieving a Palestinian state have transformed “long-simmering Palestinian anger into outright rage.” The current crisis cannot be resolved by security measures alone, Zerihoun warned. Israel’s new U.N. ambassador, Danny Danon, accused Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas of “dangerous incitement” against Israel with what he called “hate-filled speech,” including claims that Israel is trying to change the status quo at the hilltop Jerusalem compound. The shrine is revered by Muslims as the spot where Prophet Muhammad ascended to heaven and by Jews as the home of their biblical Temples. Over the past month, eight Israelis have been killed in Palestinian attacks, most of them stabbings. During the same period, 36 Palestinians were killed by Israeli fire — 15 labeled by Israel as attackers, and the others in clashes be-

tween stone-throwers and Israeli troops. Most of the attacks on Israelis were carried out by Palestinians with no known ties to militant groups. Palestinian factions, including Abbas’ Fatah and its rival, the Islamic militant Hamas, have mainly been involved in organizing stone-throwing protests in the West Bank and on the Israel-Gaza border. On Friday, hundreds joined protests after Muslim noon prayers, after Palestinian factions called for a “day of rage.” Israeli troops opened fire in several locations, killing three Palestinians, including two in Gaza and a 19-year-old in the town of Beit Furik in the West Bank. Munadil Hanani, a protest organizer in Beit Furik, said hundreds of Palestinians walked to an Israeli military post on the outskirts of the town and threw stones at troops who responded with live rounds and rubber-coated steel pellets. “They were very

angry and wanted to attack the soldiers,” he said of the stone-throwers, most of them teens. He said tensions rose in recent days after Israel announced plans to demolish the family homes of several suspects in a shooting ambush earlier this month that killed an Israeli couple who lived in a nearby Jewish settlement. “This intifada (uprising) will continue in various forms,” Hanani said. “People are fed up.” Nearby, in the West Bank city of Nablus, dozens of Palestinians firebombed a site known as Joseph’s Tomb that is revered by some Jews as the burial place of the son of the biblical patriarch Jacob. The pre-dawn attack blackened exterior walls of the stone structure located near the Balata refugee camp and a scene of Israeli-Palestinian clashes in the past.

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## Turkish jets down drone at its border with Syria

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Associated Press

**ANKARA, Turkey (AP)** — Turkey shot down an unidentified drone that flew into its airspace Friday near the Syrian border, while Russian President Vladimir Putin said his country's air campaign backing a Syrian government offensive has killed hundreds of militants. A U.S. official said the downed drone was Russian, but Moscow staunchly rejected the claim. The incident underlined the potential dangers of clashes involving Russian, Syrian and U.S.-led coalition planes in the increasingly crowded skies over Syria. Russian and U.S. military officials have been working on a set of rules to prevent any problems. The Turkish military said it issued three warnings before shooting down the aircraft with its fighter jets. It didn't specify how it had relayed the warnings to the operators of the drone. The drone crashed 3 kilometers (about 2 miles) inside Turkish territory, said Foreign Minister Feridun Sinirlioglu. "We have not been able to establish who

the drone belongs to, but we are able to work on it because it fell inside Turkish

and spoke on condition of anonymity. Moscow strongly denied



**Turkish foreign minister Feridun Sinirlioglu attends a press conference in Ankara, Turkey, Friday, Oct. 16, 2015. Turkish jets on Friday shot down an unidentified drone that had violated Turkey's airspace at the border with Syria, the military said. (AP Photo/Burhan Ozbilici)**

territory," he added. Earlier this month, Turkey had protested two incursions by Russian warplanes, which also drew strong condemnation from Turkey's NATO allies. The U.S., Russia and the Syrian government all operate drones in the region. The drone was definitely not American, and the U.S. believes it was Russian, said a U.S. defense official, who was not authorized to discuss details of the incident

ownership of the drone. "I state with absolute responsibility that all our drones are either performing tasks or staying at the base," said Col.-Gen. Andrei Kartapolov, a deputy chief of the Russian General Staff, speaking at a meeting with foreign military attaches in Moscow. The Lebanon-based pro-Syrian Al-Mayadeen TV quoted an unidentified Syrian military official as saying that no Syrian or

Russian warplane or drone was shot down over Turkey. Seeking to soothe Turkey's anger over violation of its airspace by Russian aircraft, Moscow sent a high-level military delegation to discuss preventing such incidents. "They apologized a few times, said it happened by accident, and that they have taken measures so that it will not occur again," Sinirlioglu said of Thursday's talks in Ankara with the Russian delegation. Since 2013, Turkey has shot down a Syrian military jet, a helicopter and a surveillance drone that strayed into Turkish airspace. The incidents occurred after Ankara changed its rules of engagement following the downing of a Turkish fighter jet by Syria. Turkey, which patrols the border with F-16s, has also reported numerous incidents of harassment by Syrian fighter planes or Syria-based surface-to-air missile systems locking radar on the aircraft. Russia began its air campaign Sept. 30, and Syrian troops and allied militiamen launched a ground offensive in central Syria a week later. □

## Russian strikes in Syria killed scores of militants: Putin

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Associated Press

**MOSCOW (AP)** — Russian airstrikes in Syria have killed hundreds of militants, President Vladimir Putin said Friday as he called for a shared military effort of ex-Soviet nations to prevent possible militant incursions to Syria from Afghanistan. Putin told a meeting of leaders of ex-Soviet nations in Kazakhstan that the Russian military has achieved "impressive" results during the air campaign in Syria that began on Sept. 30.

"Dozens of control facilities and ammunition depots, hundreds of terrorists and a large number of weapons have been destroyed," he said.

Putin reaffirmed that the Russian bombing blitz against the Islamic State group and other radicals in Syria will continue "for the period of the Syrian troops' offensive operations against terrorists," but wouldn't elaborate.

He said between 5,000 and 7,000 people from Russia and other ex-Soviet nations are fighting alongside Islamic State militants. "We can't allow them to use the experience they have just gained in Syria back home," he said.

Russian jets have flown more than 600 combat sorties since the start of the air campaign, said Col.-Gen. Andrei Kartapolov of the Russian military's General Staff.

He shrugged off the U.S. claim that four of the 26 cruise missiles launched at targets in Syria by Russian navy ships from the southern part of the Caspian Sea had crashed on Iranian territory. □

## Iraqi forces retake oil refinery from IS militants

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Associated Press

**BAGHDAD (AP)** — Iraqi government troops backed by Shiite militia fighters have driven out Islamic State group militants from a key oil refinery north of Baghdad in a wide-scale military operation, authorities said Friday. The Joint Military Command said in a statement the forces retook Beiji refinery and nearby Siniya town, but did not provide additional details on the operation at the sprawl-

ing refinery, Iraq's largest which has been idle since June last year. There was also no word on the fate of the nearby town of Beiji. Beiji, about 250 kilometers (155 miles) north of Baghdad, fell to IS during its blitz across northern Iraq a year ago, but the refinery facility remained contested. The town is strategically significant as it lies on the road to IS-held Mosul, Iraq's second largest city.

The IS group has declared an Islamic caliphate in the

territories it controls in Syria and Iraq, and has used oil smuggling to finance much of its operations. The military operation — dubbed Labeik ya Rasool Allah, or "At your command, messenger of God," — was launched on Monday as the second phase of a large-scale operation to drive Islamic State militants out of Salahuddin province in central Iraq. The government troops were backed by paramilitary forces, made

up mainly of Shiite militias. The leader of the Iranian-backed paramilitary group Asaib Ahl al-Haq, Sheik Qais al-Khazali, was filmed in a military uniform accompanying troops inside the refinery in a video released by the group's TV channel, al-Ahad. The footage showed the troops as walking through the wreckage of the refinery complex as black smoke billowed from different areas. The troops waved Iraqi and Shiite militia flags. □





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## Hungary to close border with Croatia to migrants overnight

**PABLO GORONDI**  
**Associated Press**

**BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP)** — Hungary says it will close down its border with Croatia to the free flow of migrants overnight Friday in a move experts say could leave thousands of migrants on their way to western Europe stranded in the small Balkan nation. Speaking after a meeting of the national security Cabinet, Hungarian Foreign Minister Peter Szijarto said the border, reinforced with a razor-wire fence, will be closed from midnight (2200 GMT) Friday. Hungary decided to order

the border clampdown after EU leaders who met Thursday in Brussels failed to agree on a plan backed by Hungary to send EU forces to block migrants from reaching Greece.

"We know that this is not the best, but only the second-best solution," Szijarto said.

He said normal border checkpoints between the two countries will remain open, though inspections will be tightened. "We will introduce stricter controls to be able to block border crossings done illegally," Szijarto said.

Although Croatia is also a



People disembark from a train in Botovo, on the Croatia-Hungary border, Friday, Oct. 16, 2015. Hungary clamped down on its border with Serbia with a barrier on Sept. 15 and says it will close down its border with Croatia to migrants starting at midnight. More than 383,000 migrants have entered Hungary this year, nearly all passing through on their way to Germany and other destinations farther west in the EU.

(AP Photo/Darko Bandic)

member of the European Union, unlike Hungary it is not part of the Schengen zone of passport-free travel. Migrants could still apply for asylum in Hungary at two border transit zones, Szijarto said.

Over 383,000 migrants fleeing war and poverty in the Middle East, Africa and Asia have entered Hungary this year, nearly all passing through on their way to Germany and other destinations further west in the EU. The country clamped down on its border with Serbia with a similar fence on Sept. 15 and since then migrants have been taking a detour through Croatia to reach Hungary.

Croatia will now start sending migrants to its border with Slovenia, another EU country in the Schengen zone, which also shares borders with Hungary and Austria.

Slovenia said Friday it would beef up border controls

and create entry points for migrants to manage the influx, but would keep accepting migrants as long as Austria and Germany kept their borders open.

However, experts fear that many will get stuck in Croatia, which is ill-prepared to provide for them in large numbers.

"There is no way Croatia can cope with ... accommodating and providing for the immediate needs for these people," said Lydia Gall, a researcher for Human Rights Watch in Budapest. "Within days you would end up having tens of thousands of people in Croatia and further down the Western Balkan route, in Serbia and Macedonia." Hungary's fellow members of the so-called Visegrad Group — Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovakia — are sending dozens of soldiers, police and equipment to support Hungarian forces guarding the border with Croatia. □

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## China hosts ASEAN meeting amid South China Sea tensions



**Cambodia Prime Minister Hun Sen speaks at the welcome banquet of the 6th Xiangshan Forum at which analysts, military leaders and others from around the globe will discuss Asian-Pacific security, maritime issues and anti-terrorism in Beijing, Friday, Oct. 16, 2015.**

**C. BODEEN**

**Associated Press**

**BEIJING (AP)** — China hosted Southeast Asian defense ministers on Friday in an effort to burnish its reputation in a region wary of its territorial ambitions, while expectations grow that the U.S. might directly challenge Chinese claims in the South China Sea. The meeting in Beijing was the first time China has hosted such a gathering. Four of the countries from the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations taking part have claims to seas and islands in the South China Sea that clash with Beijing's own.

The meeting was expected to skirt such contentious issues as China seeks to leverage such forums to soften its image. Chinese Defense Minister Chang Wanquan did not directly mention the dispute in his opening remarks, pointing instead to the threats that terrorism, radicalism, natural disasters and major accidents pose to the region. "China desires cooperation and dialogue with ASEAN defense bodies to together safeguard regional peace and stability and join hands

to create a good security environment," Chang said. Reporters were barred from the rest of the gathering and it wasn't immediately clear what issues were raised.

The informal meeting will be followed by the Xiangshan Forum this weekend, at which analysts, military leaders and others from around the globe will discuss Asian-Pacific security, maritime issues and anti-terrorism.

In a speech at a welcoming dinner Friday night, retired top admiral Sun Jian-guo told participants the forum would "contribute more insights and ideas into regional peace and stability."

He was followed by Cambodian President Hun Sen, who praised China's regional leadership and said ASEAN was not suited to negotiate with Beijing on South China Sea issues, reflecting China's preferred approach of negotiating with each disputant individually.

"China wants to use these sorts of forums to promote China's views, explain China's policies and improve China's security

image," said regional security expert Li Mingjiang of Singapore's Nanyang Technological University.

"Because the meeting is in Beijing, it would be hard for any country to confront China over the South China Sea," Li said. "There's also a lack of solidarity among ASEAN countries over the issue."

Since 2013, China has accelerated its construction of new islands atop reefs and atolls in the South China Sea and is adding buildings and airstrips in apparent attempts to boost its sovereignty claims.

Unidentified Pentagon officials said last week that the U.S. Navy may soon receive approval to sail a ship inside the 12-nautical mile

(21-kilometer) territorial limit surrounding China's man-made islands, reported the Navy Times, which is closely affiliated with the U.S. Navy. ASEAN member the Philippines on Wednesday gave strong backing for such a move.

Sailing within the boundary would mark the first time the U.S. has directly challenged China's territorial claims since 2012 and reinforce Washington's assertion that land reclamation does not add sovereign territory.

The U.S. and its allies, including the Philippines, say the newly made islands threaten stability in an increasingly militarized region. China denies that claim, saying they're mainly intended

to benefit the public good. China has also sparred with Vietnam, another ASEAN member, over ownership of the Paracel island group, leading to a confrontation last year when Beijing moved a massive oil drilling platform into contested waters.

On Thursday, Vietnam accused China of sinking one of its fishing boats near the disputed islands. The incident was apparently motivated by a desire to steal the ship's catch of fish and put it out of commission. There was no evidence that any Chinese government ships were involved, although Beijing's aggressive actions are believed to embolden Chinese fishermen in the area. □

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## US, Mexico announce cargo pre-inspection pilot program



**U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson, left, and Mexican Treasury Secretary Luis Videgaray, sign bilateral agreements press conference in Mexico City, Thursday, Oct. 15, 2015. The United States and Mexico launched a pilot air cargo pre-inspection program this week that aims to facilitate trade between the two nations. Johnson said that the program "represents a remarkable evolution" of the bilateral relationship. (AP Photo/Eduardo Verdugo)**

**PETER ORSI**  
**Associated Press**  
**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — The United States and Mexico launched a pilot cargo pre-inspection program this week that aims to facilitate trade between the two nations. Under the program, cargo will be inspected just once in the exporting country

by customs officials from both nations. Officials say it has the potential to ease shipping congestion by reducing wait times up to 80 percent and lower storage costs and other expenses. U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson said at a news conference in Mexico City that the program "represents a remarkable evolution" of the bilateral relationship. "The pre-inspection pilot program which this memorandum will enshrine opens the door for a 21st century approach to trade facilitation between our two countries," Johnson said. Mexican Treasury Secretary Luis Videgaray said the program began Thursday at the airport in Laredo, Texas, with the first inspections carried out by officials from both sides of the border, including armed Mexican agents. In the coming days and weeks the program will be

expanded to two facilities in Mexico: Mesa de Otay in Baja California, near San Diego, and San Jeronimo, which is in Chihuahua state near the border cities of El Paso and Ciudad Juarez. "In essence it means that instead of having two bureaucratic hurdles ... now, thanks to joint cooperation and trust, we are going to have just one inspection," Videgaray said. "What are we aiming for?" he added. "To generalize this way of working, based on efficiency and trust to achieve security and competitiveness." Johnson said more than \$1.45 billion in trade moves between Mexico and the U.S. each day, totaling over \$530 billion a year. In the last two decades, he said, Mexican imports of U.S. goods have risen from \$41.6 billion to \$240 billion. Over the same period, U.S. imports of Mexican goods went from \$40 billion to \$295 billion. □

## 2 Hondurans face US deportation in possible profiling case

**CAIN BURDEAU**  
**Associated Press**  
**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** — Two Honduran men face deportation even though a U.S. Department of Homeland Security staff lawyer recommended that the migrant workers be released because they were improperly arrested by Louisiana police in a case of alleged ethnic profiling. Gustavo Barahona, 29, and Jose Adan Fugan, 36, were arrested along with three other men by New Llano police on May 29 outside a motel in the western Louisiana town as they waited to go to work early that morning.

In a Sept. 21 email inadvertently sent to the men's immigration lawyers, DHS attorney Megan H. Mack recommended releasing the men from custody because they appeared to be arrested "solely for an immigration status check." The arrest was improper because the New Llano police appeared to target them "based on their ethnicity and the way they were awaiting pickup for a job," said Mack, the DHS officer of civil rights and civil liberties in Washington. She reviewed the case after the men's lawyers brought it to her attention, noting they were never

charged with a crime. Mack said profiling is "not a legitimate" police practice unless there are extraordinary circumstances or a threat. After being arrested, the New Llano police called in Border Patrol agents who ran immigration checks on the men, the email said. Barahona and Fugan have been in custody ever since. The three other men were released. Both migrant workers were living in New Orleans before they were arrested and their cases have been championed by the New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice, an advo-

cacy group for immigrants that has assisted an influx of Latin Americans who arrived after Hurricane Katrina eager to work in the rebuilding of the devastated region. The number of people of Hispanic origin in Louisiana has nearly doubled since 2000, from about 2.4 percent of the population to about 4.8 percent in 2014, Census figures show. "This is really descriptive of how immigration does its enforcement," said Jolene Elberth, an immigration organizer with the New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice. "They're relying on local law enforce-

ment to act as immigration enforcement." The group released Mack's emails on Thursday and held a protest outside an Immigration and Customs Enforcement building in New Orleans on Friday. Barahona and Fugan had not been deported as of Friday, said Bryan Cox, a DHS spokesman in New Orleans. But he added that the men had been deported before and therefore would not benefit from a change in enforcement policy instituted last November giving DHS officers more discretion in who they remove from the country. □





### VISTA III:

## New Wing at Divi All Inclusive reaches Highest Construction Point



**EAGLE BEACH** - Alex Nieuwmeyer, Managing Director, Divi All Inclusive Resorts enjoyed the distinct pleasure of organizing, hosting and attending a traditional Spantenbier celebration for Vista III, a new resort wing, where beer was poured on the roof rafters to signify that construction has reached its highest point. In April 2015, Divi All Inclusive Aruba commenced the construction of 60 more resort rooms. In the spirit of the time, the 60 new rooms are environmentally friendly, and represent the

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fully staffed reception. The method of construction utilized for the construction of Vista III revolutionizes the way buildings are designed on the island, by introducing Nudura foam blocks, which help deliver comfortable, safe and energy efficient living spaces. The hollow foam blocks are filled with cement on site, making the walls 40 centimeter thick, resulting in cooler environments, in spite of the hot climate outside. The new rooms will be energy efficient, operating optimally with low capac-

ity, and low cost air conditioning, while hot water will be supplied via 100KW solar water heaters on the roof. The windows in the new Vista III wing are all double glass insulated. The new building method, says Alex Nieuwmeyer, Managing Director is solid and very fast, resulting in total construction time for the new rooms from groundbreaking to occupancy, of just eight months. In preparation for more guests the resort has just added another a la carte Mexican restaurant which brings the total

of eateries to 5 a la carte restaurants, 2 buffet restaurants and 2 pizza bars, from which guests may choose every day, during their vacation. Vista III was designed by local Architect Orlando Hoevertz, with Electrical Engineering by Leon Hamers. The construction was undertaken by Divi Resorts and El Tumi NV, with Sparks Electric as the electrical contractor, and Fire Systems by Robertson. Elevators were supplied by Carl Elevators Aruba NV, and the new pools designed by Glen Renfrum. □



## At the Luxurious Okeanos Spa: 'Pink Beauty' dedicated to 'Breast Cancer Awareness Month'

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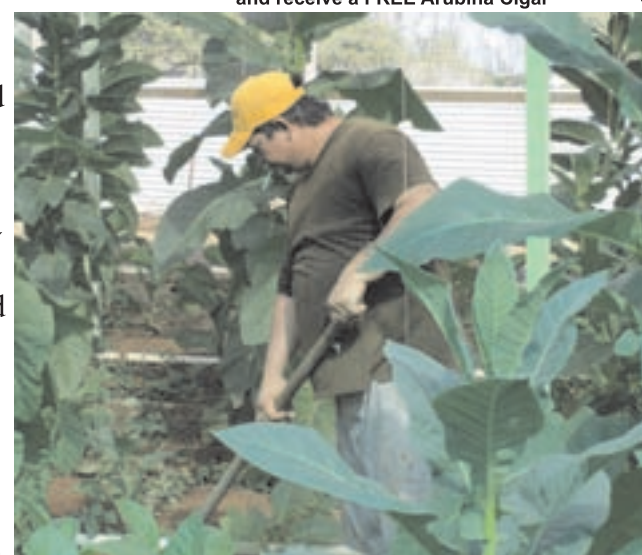
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**ORANJESTAD** - On November 9th, ARA, in collaboration with the creative production company Spinner Agency will produce its 1st Theater Production ever! In 3 weeks the Art Rules program will work with 20 up and coming Artist whom will have 10 days to put together a full-length theater production. Directed by Art Rules Artistic Director and Theater Artist Ira Kip, ARA will challenge its young Artist to get up on their feet and create something from nothing in 10 days!

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While founders Ira & Ayra Kip wrapped up their 2015 summer program they realized that it wasn't time, just yet, to end their Art Rules season of 2015. During their Art Rules Aruba summer program Ira & Ayra notices that one of the most reoc-

curing topics among its students was identity & beauty standard. As a Theater Director Ira believes that this is a topic one can create endless beautiful work on and what better way to do so through theater. So together with 20 Artist Ira will create a new full-length play with its participants. Highlighting social issues such as peer pressure, bullying and sexuality, participants will investigate how trends, social media and urban pop culture have settled in to our brains and conditioned our beliefs and standards on.

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In this Sept. 29, 2015 file photo, Jason Robins, center, CEO of DraftKings website, speaks on a panel at the Global Gaming Expo in Las Vegas.

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**Associated Press**

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — DraftKings and FanDuel took a cue from another prominent tech company spurned by Nevada that was eventually welcomed back: get an angry public to petition lawmakers and make it legal.

Like the ride-hailing app Uber before it, the two titans of the daily fantasy sports industry sent links to an online petition to Nevada customers Friday.

The move comes a day after state regulators ordered them out of the state unless they get a gambling license — a decision being

watched by other states and lawmakers weighing whether the sites constitute gambling or not based on their own laws.

In less than two weeks, the two high-profile companies in the ever-growing industry had gone from being a seemingly unstoppable, untouchable force to facing intense scrutiny of their business practices and legality from investigators, lawmakers, regulators and even their own players after it was revealed employees often played on competing sites, raising questions about possible insider information being used to win.

"We have seen reports

of insider betting and of young people gambling thousands of dollars a day with these unregulated companies," said longtime Nevada Sen. Harry Reid in a statement Friday. Reid, a former state Gaming Control Board chairman himself, said "Unless more states follow, we are going to see more corruption and families torn apart because of unregulated, illegal gambling."

Neither DraftKings or FanDuel have said if they'll pursue a license in Nevada, a process that costs \$500 up front as well as hourly costs and travel expenses to cover the intense back-

ground investigation by state agents into the companies and their leaders. DraftKings said in its email to customers it would work to ensure Nevada residents could play on the site again soon without saying how they would do so.

The sites will likely be making their case for legalization across the country, if they haven't already, as lawmakers and regulators pour over their own gambling laws and wonder where sites like DraftKings and FanDuel fit in.

California Assemblyman Adam Gray, D-Merced, who introduced a bill to legalize fantasy sports there,

said Nevada's decision provided more evidence of the need for oversight.

"Even church fundraisers for bingo night have some oversight. With the amount of money we've seen and the amount of participation we've seen in California and across the country, we've got to have some regulation," he said in a telephone interview.

A Pennsylvania lawmaker that had originally proposed legalizing the sites now wants to ban daily fantasysports unless their operated by the 12 casinos in the state.

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## DraftKings

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Illinois regulators think daily fantasy sports is illegal under a state law prohibiting Internet gambling, but they plan to ask their state attorney general for a legal opinion next week.

In Ohio, the issue is for state lawmakers since the contests don't fit neatly into state's definition of casino games.

Delaware finance secretary Tom Cook, whose office oversees lottery and casino operations, said state officials are reviewing Nevada's actions evaluating whether any of its conclusions would apply in Delaware, which allows parlay bets on NFL games as one of only a handful of states where legal sports wagering is allowed.

Michigan has been reviewing if the state's criminal

gambling laws apply to daily fantasy sports before Nevada's decision Thursday, but "obviously it's something that would be taken into consideration," said Michigan Gaming Control Board spokeswoman Mary Kay Bean.

Mississippi's gambling commission is also looking into the issue.

The group's executive director, Alan Godfrey, said the Nevada decision could have influence elsewhere. Participants on the unregulated sites can compete in games involving professional or college sports, paying an entry fee that goes into a larger pool. They try to assemble teams that earn the most points based on real-life stats in a given period with a certain percentage of top finishers



In this Sept. 9, 2015 file photo, an employee in the software development department of DraftKings, a daily fantasy sports company, walks past screens displaying the company's online system stats in Boston.

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earning a payout. Entry fees on DraftKings range from 25 cents to more than \$5,000. Some prizes top \$1 million.

The fantasy sports industry has argued the sites provide games of skill and not chance and are therefore protected by the 2006 Un-

lawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act, which carved out a specific exemption allowing fantasy sports. □

## Lydia Ko shoots 65 to take lead in South Korea

**INCHEON, South Korea (AP)**

— Lydia Ko took advantage of Sung Hyun Park's struggles to take the lead Friday in the LPGA KEB Hana Bank Championship. The second-ranked Ko made an 18-foot birdie putt on the final hole for a 7-under 65 and a one-stroke lead over Lexi Thompson. Park followed her course-record 62 with a 74 to drop two shots behind.

"I thought I played really solidly and made a lot of good putts," Ko said. "When I was in trouble, I got a little fortunate, got a good lie in the rough."

The South Korean-born New Zealander moved into position to regain the No. 1 spot in the world from South Korean star Inbee Park, one of her playing partners Friday. Ko would take the top spot with a victory and also could move up under other scenarios depending on where Inbee Park finishes. Inbee Park replaced Ko atop the list in June with the first of her two major victories this year.

"The closer we get or if there is a switch, the media is going to talk about it," Ko said. "I'm sorry, but I'm going to try and ignore you guys. I think that's the

best way. Because when I'm out there, I'm just trying to hit a good shot and put myself in good position. If I thought about the rankings, the awards, it's just way too much. It's hard enough just trying to hit the ball straight out there."

Ko had a 10-under 134 total on Sky 72's Ocean Course. She tied for second last week in the LPGA Malaysia after winning her previous two starts in Canada and France, where she became the youngest major champion.

Inbee Park was tied for 25th at 3 under after a 72. She's tied with Ko for the tour vic-

tory lead with four. Thompson birdied three of the final four holes for a 67

on the course made more difficult by some tough pin positions. □



Lydia Ko of New Zealand watches her shot on the second hole during the second round of the KEB Hana Bank Championship golf tournament at Sky72 Golf Club in Incheon, South Korea, Friday, Oct. 16, 2015

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# Brees, Watson help Saints beat Falcons, 31-21

BY BRETT MARTEL  
AP SPORTS WRITER

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** -- Ben Watson sank to his knees at the back of the end zone with both arms raised, looked up at the frenzied Superdome crowd and absorbed the adulation.

This was more like it.

Drew Brees passed for 312 yards, Watson racked up a career-high 127 yards receiving to go with a fourth-down touchdown catch, and recently reeling New Orleans handed the Atlanta Falcons their first loss this season, 31-21 on Thursday night.

"It felt great. It was really great to see the fans enjoying themselves," Watson said. "We want to win for ourselves and for our families, but to be able to look up at the stands and see people dancing and having fun, it was very exciting for us."

Desperate for a victory, the Saints (2-4) enjoyed big plays in all phases, a common occurrence when New Orleans hosts night games. Including the playoffs, the Saints have now won 19 of their last 21 prime-time games in the Superdome.

Michael Mauti, who grew up near New Orleans after his father, Rich, played for the Saints, blocked a punt and recovered it for a touchdown, delighting the Superdome crowd with a play reminiscent of Steve Gleason's famous block against Atlanta in 2006.

Gleason, now paralyzed by ALS, was at the game, watching from his motorized wheel chair. He re-

acted with this Twitter post: "Hey, Falcons. #NeverPunt."

"The cool thing was that Steve was here to see that," Brees said. "It brought back some good memories."

Mark Ingram ran for two short touchdowns, and New Orleans' defense recovered three fumbles - two inside its own 20.

"That blocked punt and a couple of turnovers really told the story," said first-year Falcons coach Dan Quinn, speaking after a loss for the first time. "It's hard to overcome those."

Devonta Freeman rushed for 100 yards, including a 25-yard TD, for Atlanta (5-1). Matt Ryan passed for 295 yards and two TDs. He also was sacked five times, including three for defensive end Cam Jordan.

"We made mistakes early on and it cost us," said Freeman, who also turned a short pass into a late 13-yard score. "I feel like we beat ourselves, but they're a talented team and they did a lot of great things to-night."

Freeman's first touchdown cut New Orleans' lead to 24-14 with 13:07 remaining, which seemed like plenty of time for a Falcons team that had already orchestrated four fourth-quarter comebacks this season.

The Saints had other plans, responding with the type of will-imposing drive that was commonplace during much of the decade since coach Sean Payton and Brees arrived in New Orleans, but seldom seen this season.

New Orleans drove 80 yards in 11 plays, eating about five minutes off the clock. During the series, Watson tied a career high with his 10th catch of the game. Brees found Brandon Cooks for 26 yards on a third down. Ingram capped the drive by powering in to make it 31-14.

That wasn't the only example of the Saints' re-

stored swagger on offense. Late in the third quarter, the Saints capped a 10-play, 63-yard drive by first drawing Atlanta offside on fourth-and-goal from the 4, then converting a 2-yard pass to Watson.

"That's a huge momentum-gaining-type play in a game like that, and it took some marbles to call it," Brees said, summing up the night as "validation."

"For it all to come together like that, it just gives us a glimpse of what we can be," he said.

The Saints never trailed, racing in front on the opening series, an 80-yard drive capped by Ingram's first TD.

Mauti made it 14-0 when he smothered Matt Boshers' punt, scooped up the ball as he landed and sprang into the end zone. Atlanta cut it to 14-7 on Ryan's 7-yard pass to Roddy White, but the Falcons, who outgained the Saints 265 yards to 174 in the half, squandered a pair of promising drives with fumbles. First, rookie Tevin Coleman was stripped by linebacker Dannell Ellerbe and cornerback Brandon Browner recovered on the 9. Later, Ryan mishandled a snap and Ellerbe recovered on the New Orleans 17. □



New Orleans Saints tight end Benjamin Watson (82) makes a touchdown catch against the Atlanta Falcons during the second half of an NFL football game, Thursday, Oct. 15, 2015, in New Orleans.

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## NHL Capsules

# Malkin scores, Pens top Senators for 1st victory

(AP) — Evgeni Malkin scored his first goal in nearly seven months and Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 22 shots for his 39th career shutout as the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Ottawa Senators 2-0 on Thursday night.

Rookie Daniel Sprong picked up the first goal of his career for Pittsburgh, which won for the first time this season.

Craig Anderson made 34 saves for Ottawa but the Senators failed to muster significant momentum a night after dropping seven goals on Columbus. Ottawa went 0 for 3 on the power play and rarely tested Fleury over the final two periods as the Senators lost on the road for the first time in four tries.

**ISLANDERS 4, PREDATORS 3**  
NEW YORK (AP) — John Tavares and Nikolay Kulemin scored in the third period and New York handed Nashville its first loss of the season.

Anders Lee and Kyle Okposo scored in the second period to tie the score for the Islanders after they fell behind by two, and Thomas Greiss finished with 44 saves. Tavares and Lee also had an assist and Mikhail Grabovski added two as New York won its second straight and improved to 2-0-1 in its new Brooklyn home.

Austin Watson, Filip Forsberg and James Neal scored for the Predators, who had opened the season 3-0-0. Pekka Rinne had 24 saves.

Tavares' goal with 8:11 left in the third period gave the Islanders a 4-2 lead. Neal pulled the Predators within one less than three minutes later, but they couldn't get



Ottawa Senators' Jared Cowen (2) checks Pittsburgh Penguins' Phil Kessel (81) off the puck in front of Milan Michalek (9) during the first period of an NHL hockey game in Pittsburgh Thursday, Oct. 15, 2015.

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the tying goal past Greiss.  
**CAPITALS 4, BLACKHAWKS 1**  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Braden Holtby stopped 26 shots, Alex Ovechkin scored a goal in his return to the Washington lineup and the Capitals beat punchless Chicago.

John Carlson, T.J. Oshie and Matt Niskanen also scored for the Capitals, who welcomed back Ovechkin following a one-game disciplinary absence.

Coming off a 3-0 loss to Philadelphia one night earlier, the Blackhawks trailed by three goals in this one before Viktor Svedberg got his first goal of the season at

3:13 of the third period. That ended a scoreless drought of 107 minutes, 46 seconds for the defending Stanley Cup champions.

Ovechkin sealed the victory at 14:18, scoring from the left side of the net after a back-and-forth with teammate Evgeny Kuznetsov.

**STARS 5, LIGHTNING 3**  
TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Jason Spezza scored a momentum-shifting goal in the third period and had an assist to lead Dallas. Tyler Seguin, Jamie Benn, Cody Eakin and Jason Demers also scored for the Stars.

Steven Stamkos had two

goals and an assist, and Vladislav Namestnikov also scored for the Lightning. Namestnikov and Stamkos scored 1:38 apart in the third to get the Lightning within 4-3.

Spezza, coming off a three-goal game in Tuesday's 4-2 win over Edmonton, responded and gave Dallas a 5-3 lead at 10:29.

**PANTHERS 3, SABRES 2**  
SUNRISE, Fla. (AP) — Jaromir Jagr scored twice in the first period and added an assist to lead Florida.

The 43-year-old Jagr stayed hot with his third and fourth goals of the season and continues to climb the all-time leader board in scoring. Linemate Aleksander Barkov had a goal and an assist.

Rookie defenseman Jake McCabe scored for Buffalo on assists by Marcus Foligno and Nicolas Deslauriers. Tyler Ennis scored on assists from Ryan O'Reilly and Rasmus Ristolainen.

Florida goalie Roberto Luongo made 24 saves for his 403rd career victory, tying him with Grant Fuhr for ninth in all-time wins.

**CANADIENS 3, RANGERS 0**  
MONTREAL (AP) — Carey Price made 25 saves and Montreal Canadiens made franchise history by starting a season with a fifth straight win.

Tomas Fleischmann, Dale Weise and Tomas Plekanec, with an empty-net effort, scored for as the Canadiens handed the Rangers (3-2-0) their second straight defeat.

Despite powerhouse Canadiens teams that won a record 24 Stanley Cups, the previous club record for wins to start a season was four, last accomplished in 1977-78. There was playoff-like speed and intensity in the meeting of last season's two top regular season clubs, marked by a thrilling duel between perhaps the world's two best goalies — Price and New York's Henrik Lundqvist.

**BLUES 4, OILERS 2**  
EDMONTON, Alberta (AP)

— Paul Stastny and Alexander Steen scored in the third period to help St. Louis spoil winless Edmonton's home opener.

Jori Lehtera and Vladimir Tarasenko also scored for the Blues, who beat Edmonton for the eighth straight time. Stastny, Steen and Lehtera also each had an assist, and Brian Elliott stopped 24 shots.

Lauri Korpikoski and Taylor Hall scored for the Oilers, fell to 0-4-0. No. 1 draft pick Connor McDavid was held without a point in his first regular season game in Edmonton. Cam Talbot had 25 saves.

Steen sent a shot in front that deflected off Stastny and in for a power-play goal at 4:20 of the third to extend the Blues' lead to 3-1.

Hall pulled Edmonton back within one a little more than two minutes later, but Steen sealed it with a one-time with 2:09 left.

**WILD 4, COYOTES 3**  
GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Zach Parise had a goal and an assist, and Minnesota remained undefeated by holding off previously unbeaten Arizona.

The Wild had fresh legs after a four-day layoff between games, jumping on the tired Coyotes for a 3-0 lead.

Parise and Thomas Vanek scored less than a minute apart in the first period and Mikko Koivu added a short-handed goal midway through the second. Mikael Granlund also scored in the second.

The Coyotes clawed their way back through a string of Minnesota penalties, pulling within 4-3 on Michael Stone's 4-on-4 goal with just over 5 minutes left. Devan Dubnyk closed it out, though, stopping 18 shots for his 100th career win. The Wild are 3-0 for the first time since opening 4-0 in 2008-09.

Anthony Duclair scored his fourth goal in two games and Max Domi had his third of the season for Arizona. □



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# Nadal routs Wawrinka 6-2, 6-1 to reach Shanghai semifinals

JUSTIN BERGMAN

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**SHANGHAI (AP)** — Rafael Nadal is starting to look like his dominant former self, the player who won 14 Grand Slam titles. He's even beating the top players again.

After struggling with his confidence and consistency for much of the season, the Spanish star beat a top-five player for the first time in more than a year with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Stan Wawrinka in the quarterfinals of the Shanghai Masters tennis tournament on Friday.

It wasn't just a victory, but a convincing one. It was Nadal's most lopsided win over Wawrinka in 15 meetings.

"Obviously, when you play against the best players, you want to play well and be competitive," he said. "I am happy. I am working so hard every day, with the right energy, I believe."

Top-seeded Novak Djokovic also advanced with his 15th consecutive victory, holding off Australia's Bernard Tomic in a tight first-set tiebreaker before closing it out 7-6 (6), 6-1.

Djokovic will play Andy Murray in Saturday's semifinal after the third-seeded Briton saw off Tomas Berdych 6-1, 6-3. Nadal will play Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in the other semifinal after the French player topped Kev-

in Anderson of South Africa 7-6 (6), 5-7, 6-4.

Nadal looked sharp throughout the match against Wawrinka and his shots had the pace and depth they lacked at times this year. For the second straight match, he also faced only one break point, which he saved.

Nadal hadn't won against a top-five player since last year's French Open final when he defeated Djokovic for the title.

After that victory, the rest of his season was derailed by a wrist injury and appendicitis, and when he returned this year, he's had to overcome doubts he'd be able to return to his old form.

Losses to Dustin Brown at Wimbledon and Italy's Fabio Fognini on three different occasions only dented his confidence further.

"I don't believe in drastic changes," he said. "What I believe is play weeks in a row, play at solid level, and that's what I feel I am doing better and better."

The fourth-seeded Wawrinka was clearly not at his best on Friday. The French Open champion missed wildly on his groundstrokes, finishing with 34 unforced errors.

He was playing his eighth match in the past 10 days after winning the title in Tokyo last week and had a tough three-set victory over

Marin Cilic on Thursday that finished late at night.

"Today I was just struggling a little bit. It's that simple," he said. "Against Nadal you cannot do anything if you're not 100 percent."

Djokovic is also coming off a title run last week at the China Open, but he's spent far less time on court. Until Friday, he hadn't lost more than five games in any of his seven matches in Beijing and Shanghai.

Tomic pressed him in the first set, rallying from 2-4 down to force a tiebreaker and then saving two set points before Djokovic finally converted on the third.

"(It) went down to a couple points decided the first set in the tiebreak," Djokovic said. "Obviously was a huge relief for me to win the first set."

Djokovic has a 19-9 overall record over Murray and has won eight of their nine contests. Murray took their latest match, however, in Montreal in August.

"It wasn't like I was going out there and getting blown off the court," Murray said of his recent losses to Djokovic.

"I was playing some good tennis and hanging with him. I managed to do that throughout the whole match when we played in Montreal. Hopefully, I can play another good one tomorrow." □



Rafael Nadal of Spain hits a shot as he plays against Milos Raonic of Canada during their Shanghai Masters tennis tournament in Shanghai, China, Thursday, Oct. 15, 2015.

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## Venus Williams reaches semifinals at Hong Kong Open

**HONG KONG (AP)** — Venus Williams closed in on a spot in the season-ending WTA Finals by beating Alize Cornet 6-1, 6-1 Friday to reach the Hong Kong Open semifinals.

The third-seeded American, a seven-time Grand Slam champion, won the Wuhan Open this month.

Williams will next meet Jelena Jankovic, who beat Daria Gavrilova 6-1, 6-1.

"I'm not thinking of winning that match only," Williams said. "My goal here is to win the tournament."

Angelique Kerber and Samantha Stosur also advanced, and will face each other in the semifinals. Stosur beat Heather Watson 4-6, 6-3, 6-0 while



Venus Williams of the United States hits a return shot against Alize Cornet of France during the quarterfinal match at the WTA Hong Kong Open tennis tournament in Hong Kong, Friday, Oct. 16, 2015.

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Kerber defeated Caroline Garcia 7-5, 6-3.

"I lost my way at the outset but being a three-set match, I didn't let it bother me," said Stosur, the 2011 U.S. Open champion. "It doesn't matter if you don't start fantastic, what matters is how you finish." □



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# Column: Olympic athletes need to think beyond Rio Games

**PAUL NEWBERRY**  
**AP National Writer**

Around the world, thousands of Olympic athletes are training intensely for the biggest moment of their lives.

Hopefully, they're also pondering what they'll be doing a year from now, once the high of the Rio Games wears off.

Dealing with the rest of your life can be even tougher than winning a gold medal.

American swimmer Allison Schmitt knows that all too well. She fell into a deep depression after taking five medals at the London Olympics. Only in the past year did she finally seek out professional help.

"I set my goals for 2012 ... and I reached those goals," Schmitt said. "Then I was like, 'I don't have any more goals. OK, what now?'"

That's a question that faces many Olympic athletes, who spend four years on a single-minded pursuit but aren't prepared for what comes next. And the time for everyone — athletes, coaches, organizations — to start thinking about it is now.



In this Aug. 4, 2012, file photo, Justin Gatlin of the United States reacts after competing in a men's 100-meter heat at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.

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Win or lose, and even if they have no plans to retire from competition, it's not like there's a new season right around the corner, a conduit that allows them to quickly hit the reset button.

"The depression that comes after the Olympics, I would say at least 75 per-



In this Dec. 19, 2014, file photo, Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps walks into a courthouse for a trial on drunken driving and other charges in Baltimore.

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cent of the athletes have it at some point," Canadian swimmer Ryan Cochrane said. "Before Beijing, that's all I talked about, every conversation was about Beijing, and as soon as it was over, I almost didn't even know how to have a normal conversation."

While there's no hard numbers to back up Cochrane's anecdotal assessment, the issue has come to the attention of organizations such as the U.S. Olympic Committee and USA Swimming, which have started looking for ways to help athletes deal with the post-Olympic blues. In swimming, there's a new mentorship program that includes retired national team members. Some have turned to groups such as the Navy SEALs, who cope with similar letdowns.

"It's hard to be able to get that momentum again after all the hard work you've been through emotionally and physically to get to the Olympics and get a medal," American sprinter Justin Gatlin said.

Maybe it's not a surprise that Michael Phelps, the winningest athlete in Olympic history, kept running into trouble away from the pool after some of his biggest triumphs. He's had two drunken-driving ar-

rests, along with an embarrassing photo that showed him inhaling from a marijuana pipe.

"The nature of preparing for the Olympics is you don't

ly after the coach took a new job at Arizona State University.

While the main focus is on training, Bowman has already started talking with



In this Aug. 7, 2015, file photo, Britain's Fran Halsall checks her time after a women's 50m butterfly heat at the Swimming World Championships in Kazan, Russia. Halsall said the year after the Olympics is the most difficult. "There wasn't really a support system in place to help me to deal with it," Halsall said, remembering her struggles after the London Olympics. "It's just such a high and you're coming down so much."

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look ahead, you don't look behind," said Bob Bowman, who coaches both Phelps and Schmitt. "You don't think about the future, what might happen, what's out there, any of those things."

Phelps and Bowman are now preparing for the Rio Games in Tempe, Arizona, where they moved recent-

ly after the coach took a new job at Arizona State University. While the main focus is on training, Bowman has already started talking with

his swimmers about what their lives might look like after the Olympics. That may sound like coaching blasphemy, but Bowman has seen what can happen when those issues are put on hold.

"Michael is doing an exceptional job right now thinking what life is going to look like at this time next

year and five years beyond that. He never did that before," Bowman said. "I'm trying to get Allison to start thinking that way a little bit."

The U.S. Olympic Committee has a program called ACE — Athlete Career Education — that focuses on job placement and educational opportunities as a way to help athletes deal with the transition to their post-Olympic careers. As athletes such as Schmitt and Phelps have shown, more needs to be done for those still competing, even those at the top of their games.

"Surviving success is harder than surviving failure," Bowman said. "With failure, you go back to work. You have motivation to get better. When it's the other way, you don't know what to do except pat yourself on the back."

Steve Roush, former chief of sport performance for the USOC, knows how difficult it is for athletes to find something that comes close to matching the high of reaching a goal that was four years in the making. He wonders if that's what happened to Suzy Favor-Hamilton, a three-time Olympic runner who turned to prostitution once her career was over.

"It's really what a lot of the athletes keep chasing and why they stick around," Roush said. "I don't think an accounting job gives them the same feeling."

Benita Fitzgerald-Mosley, chief of organizational excellence at USOC and a 1984 Olympic gold medalist in the hurdles, recalled working a part-time job toward the end of her track career.

That helped her deal with the transition, she said, but "it was still difficult, an emotional letdown to not go to the track every day, not to go outside, not to be with my teammates, not travel all over the world, not have that real tangible goal-setting I was able to do in track."

British swimmer Fran Halsall said the year after the Olympics is the most difficult. □



# New technology in credit cards leads to headaches

JOSEPH PISANI

AP Business Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Millions of Americans are getting new credit and debit cards with more secure chiptechnology, and that's already leading to headaches for companies that rely on working cards to charge their customers every month.

Video and music streaming companies, dating websites, gyms and other subscription-based companies can take a hit when customers don't update their accounts after receiving a new card. It's always been a hassle, but with millions of cards carrying the new chip technology being mailed out all at once it's creating bigger problems.

Netflix this week said large numbers of cards that weren't updated were partly to blame for slower subscriber growth in their most recent quarter.

The video steaming site said Wednesday that an unusual number of accounts were cancelled during the three months that ended in September. Netflix Inc., which has 69 million members around the world, expects the issue to continue into the next quarter as more new chip cards roll out.

With subscription services gaining in popularity, where customers have funds automatically withdrawn from checking accounts every month for a service, it has become increasingly noticeable when people don't update the cards that they use for those services, or are unaware that they need to.

Often, the number on the card is still the same, but the expiration date has changed, said Matt



This Wednesday, June 10, 2015, file photo, shows a chip-based credit card, in Philadelphia.

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Schulz, a senior analyst at credit card comparison site CreditCards.com. Typically, payments won't go through if the expiration date is different.

Recurly, a San Francisco company that manages bill payments for more than 1,900 subscription businesses, said it has seen a slight increase in card declines. Recurly uses a service for its clients that automatically updates when new card numbers are issued, so the customer doesn't have to do it themselves, said CEO Dan Burkhart, though not every bank participates in the service. Burkhart said subscription companies will face some "turbulence" as customers get new cards, but those issues typically resolve within a few months. The problem has hurt Netflix before.

A year ago, the Los Gatos, California, company said a number of customer's accounts were put on hold due to The Home Depot data breach, which

forced many customers who shopped at the home improvements store to get new credit cards.

Similarly, IAC/InterActiveCorp, a New York company which owns dating websites such as Match.com and OkCupid, said last year that credit cards that were not updated after major security breaches at Target and Home Depot cost it about \$5 million in earnings for the year before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. New cards may continue to haunt subscription businesses in the coming months. Most cards in the U.S. haven't been switched to chip cards yet.

"This issue isn't going away anytime soon," said Schulz. □

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## Modest rise gives stocks a third straight week of gains

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AP Business Writer

U.S. stocks closed modestly higher Friday, giving the market its third straight week of gains.

Consumer staples and health care stocks were among the biggest risers as investors assessed the latest company earnings and economic news.

After several weeks speculating about the implications of a slowdown in China and the timing of an interest rate increase by the Federal Reserve, traders are squarely tuned into company earnings as they hunt for insight into how the global economy is doing.

"That's what the market is focused on," said Quincy Krosby, a market strategist at Prudential Financial. "Are we seeing a pickup in demand overseas and in the United States, and if so, which sectors? That's what this is about."

General Electric rose 3 percent, the most in the Dow Jones industrial average, after the industrial conglomerate reported earnings that beat analysts' forecasts.

The Dow rose 74.22 points, or 0.4 percent, to 17,215.97. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 9.25 points, or 0.5 percent, to 2,033.11. The Nasdaq composite added 16.59 points, or 0.3 percent, to 4,886.69.

The tech-heavy Nasdaq is up 3.2 percent this year. The Dow and S&P 500 are still negative. The Dow is down 3.4 percent, while the S&P 500 is off 1.3 percent. The three major stock indexes began the day



**Specialist James Maher, left, and trader Jonathan Corpina work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. U.S. stocks closed modestly higher Friday, giving the market its third straight week of gains.**

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

slightly higher, then wavered after midday. The indexes slipped into the red at times before drifting back into positive territory. Investors appeared to brush off some discouraging economic data, including a Federal Reserve report indicating that U.S. manufacturing production fell for the second straight month in September. A separate Labor Department report showed that employers advertised fewer job openings in August and kept hiring flat. The job market has weakened the past two months, reflecting slower global economic growth.

All told, nine of the 10 sectors in the S&P 500 rose. Health care and consumer staples stocks each gained about 1 percent. The indus-

tries sector declined 0.2 percent. General Electric reported a decline in third-quarter profit, but strong performances from its core units helped the company top Wall Street expectations. GE rose 95 cents, or 3.4 percent, to \$28.98.

Mattel climbed 6 percent after analysts at Oppenheimer published a research note highlighting the toymaker's core brands as a bright spot. The report came a day after Mattel reported disappointing third-quarter results. Mattel gained \$1.36 to \$23.89.

Traders hammered Quanta Services after the contracting services company lowered its third-quarter profit and revenue outlook, citing project delays and a tough market. The stock plunged 28.5 percent, losing \$7.47 to

\$18.74.

Third-quarter earnings are forecast to contract overall as falling energy prices and weak global demand start to eat into profits.

Among companies in the S&P 500 that have already reported third-quarter results, earnings declined 5.1 percent from a year ago, the first drop in earnings growth since the July-September period in 2009, according to S&P Capital IQ.

"When all is said and done we'll probably be looking at earnings that are flattish for the quarter," said David Lefkowitz, an executive director and equity strategist at UBS. "But excluding the energy sector, we're looking for 6 percent growth, which is consistent with what we saw earlier this year." □

## United Airlines CEO is admitted to the hospital

**The Associated Press**

United Airlines said Friday that its new CEO, Oscar Munoz, has been admitted to a hospital. The airline gave no explanation or details of his condition.

The Wall Street Journal reported that Munoz suffered a heart attack, citing people familiar with the matter. United Continental Holdings Inc. said Friday that Munoz's family informed the company that he was admitted to a hospital on Thursday. The company, based in Chicago, said in a short statement that it was continuing to operate normally. A spokeswoman said the company would not provide additional information.

Munoz, 56, was named CEO of United Continental Holdings Inc. on Sept. 9 after the company made a stunning announcement that CEO Jeff Smisek had stepped down. Smisek faced questions about whether United sought favors from the officials who operate the New York-area airports. Federal prosecutors are investigating United's ties to David Samson, the former chairman of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and a political ally of New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie.

Munoz was a railroad executive who had spent 11 years on the boards of Continental Airlines and United Continental, which was formed by the 2010 merger of United and Continental.

In a newspaper ad this month, Munoz apologized to customers for problems that have plagued United since the merger, including several technology outages that have caused large-scale flight delays and cancellations. United's on-time performance has trailed its three biggest peers — American, Delta and Southwest — so far this year. In the ad, Munoz said United had failed to live up to its promises and vowed, "That's going to change." □

## US employers advertised fewer jobs in August

**PAUL WISEMAN**  
AP Economics Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — U.S. employers advertised fewer job openings in August and kept hiring flat, another sign the American jobs market has lost strength since spring.

The Labor Department reported Friday that job openings slid to 5.4 million in August from a record high 5.7 million in July. Hir-

ing was little-changed at 5.1 million.

The number of people quitting jobs — a measure of confidence in the job market — was also essentially unchanged from July at 2.7 million. Quits have been flat for the past year after rising steadily in the aftermath of the 2007-2009 Great Recession.

The job market has weakened the past two months,

reflecting slower global economic growth. Cautious employers added just 142,000 jobs in September, pulling hiring for the July-September quarter down to a lackluster 167,000 jobs a month from an average 231,000 from April through June.

In August, the United States had 1.5 unemployed people for every job opening, down from a peak of 6.8 in

July 2009, a month after the recession ended. Unemployment was 5.1 percent in August and September.

"The labor market is coming off the boil a little," Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. economist at Capital Economics, wrote in a research report. But the level of job openings reported Friday is still healthy, "so this is hardly a disaster." □



# Alibaba offers to buy rest of China's Youku in \$3.6B deal

AP Business Writer

**HONG KONG (AP)** — Alibaba said Friday it's offering to buy up the rest of Chinese video streaming site Youku Tudou in a \$3.6 billion deal signaling the e-commerce giant's intent to expand beyond its core business of online shopping.

The deal would give the company, which has been expanding into films, a bigger platform to broadcast content including Hollywood blockbusters directly

to China's growing ranks of middle-class consumers.

"Digital products, especially video, are just as important as physical goods in e-commerce, and Youku's high-quality video content will be a core component of Alibaba's digital product offering in the future," Alibaba Group Holdings Ltd. CEO Daniel Zhang said.

The company, which already owns 18.3 percent of Youku Tudou's U.S.-listed shares, said it's proposing

to buy the remaining stock for \$26.60 in cash per share, or 30.2 percent more than the last closing price on the New York Stock Exchange. After subtracting Youku's approximately \$1 billion in cash on hand, Alibaba is paying about \$3.6 billion to buy the stake. The offer follows a series of moves by Alibaba Group Holdings Ltd. to expand into the film industry through its film arm, Alibaba Pictures Group. Recent investments include

a deal to collaborate with Paramount Pictures to promote "Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation," the latest in the spy thriller series starring Tom Cruise, and an investment in a movie starring South Korean star Kim Soo-hyun. Alibaba made its initial investment in Youku Tudou, which is seen as China's version of Youtube, in 2014. The deal gives Alibaba access to a sophisticated, user-friendly operation. Youku's two private stream-

ing sites, which attract a young audience, have operated with fewer of the restrictions dogging state-run TV broadcasters, allowing it to introduce more varied and foreign content. Youku has never turned a profit by standard accounting measures. Its loss for the most recent quarter widened to 342 million yuan (\$55.2 million) from 142.3 million yuan in the same period in 2014, according to its latest earnings report. □

## GE beats Street 3Q forecasts as it refocuses on industry



The General Electric logo is seen at a plant in Belfort, eastern France. General Electric Co. on Friday, Oct. 16, 2015 reported a decline in third-quarter profit, but strong performances from its core units helped the company top Wall Street expectations.

(AP Photo/Thibault Camus)

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Industrial conglomerate General Electric Co. on Friday reported a decline in third-

quarter profit, but strong performances from its core units helped the company top Wall Street expecta-

tions. General Electric has been making a push to focus on industrial businesses —

making large, complicated equipment for other companies — and shrinking its other businesses that focus on finance. The largest change involves selling most of GE Capital's assets, including \$26.5 billion in real estate assets.

The Fairfield, Connecticut-based company said profit fell 29 percent to \$2.51 billion, or 25 cents per share. Meanwhile, revenue fell 1 percent to \$31.68 billion. Earnings, adjusted for non-recurring costs and to account for discontinued operations, came to 32 cents per share. Earnings including the GE Capital businesses that the company is keeping amounted to 29 cents per share. That topped Wall Street expectations. The average estimate of 11 analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research for earnings of 26 cents per share.

The industrial conglomerate posted revenue of \$31.68 billion in the period, though revenue from its industrial and verticals units only reached \$27.9 billion. Eleven analysts surveyed by Zacks expected \$28.67 billion.

During the quarter, the company's power and water division saw revenue rise 1 percent to \$6.46 billion. The unit, which makes power generators and related equipment, is the industrial core's largest revenue driver. Meanwhile, revenue rose 5 percent to \$6 billion in the aviation unit. Transportation revenue rose 3 percent to \$1.59 billion and revenue rose 8 percent to \$2.29 billion in the appliances unit.

The oil and gas unit continues to be weighed down by low oil prices. Revenue fell 16 percent to \$3.87 billion. □

## Ex-Microsoft CEO says he's taken 4 percent stake in Twitter

MARLEY JAY

AP Business Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Los Angeles Clippers owner and former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer has bought a 4-percent stake in Twitter, a vote of confidence in the struggling messaging company. That makes Ballmer one of Twitter's largest shareholders.

A Twitter account that identified itself as Ballmer's said Friday morning that he bought stock in Twitter in the last few months. Seth Burton, a representative

for the Clippers, confirmed that Ballmer had made the investment.

The high-profile investment comes as Twitter is trying to win more users and turn a profit.

This month, its co-founder Jack Dorsey returned as its permanent CEO. Then the company announced that it would lay off up to 8 percent of its workforce and unveiled a new feature, "Moments." Those packages of commentary, video and photos about major events are an attempt to

make Twitter more accessible and broaden its appeal.

The company's shares lost about half their value between late April and late August as investors worried about Twitter's disappointing financial performance and slowing user growth. The nine-year-old company has never reported an annual profit.

The stock has recovered some of those losses as the broader markets rose in October, and is up \$1.51, or 5.1 percent, to \$31.22 in

afternoon trading.

Ballmer also said he liked that Saudi billionaire Prince Alwaleed bin Talal and his investment company bought more shares of Twitter. The prince and his firm said this month the stake had doubled over a six-week period to more than 5 percent.

Dorsey was the San Francisco company's CEO during its early years and became interim CEO in July, when Dick Costolo stepped down. Twitter said on Oct. 5 that he would become

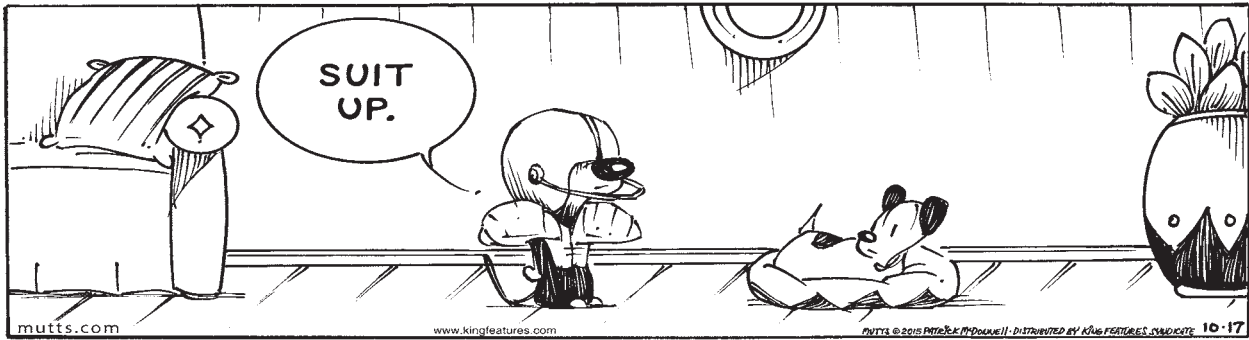
its permanent CEO. Ballmer tweeted that day that Twitter "is remarkable" and called Dorsey an "impressive dude."

According to FactSet, Ballmer's holdings would make him the third-largest individual owner of Twitter shares after company co-founder Evan Williams and bin Talal.

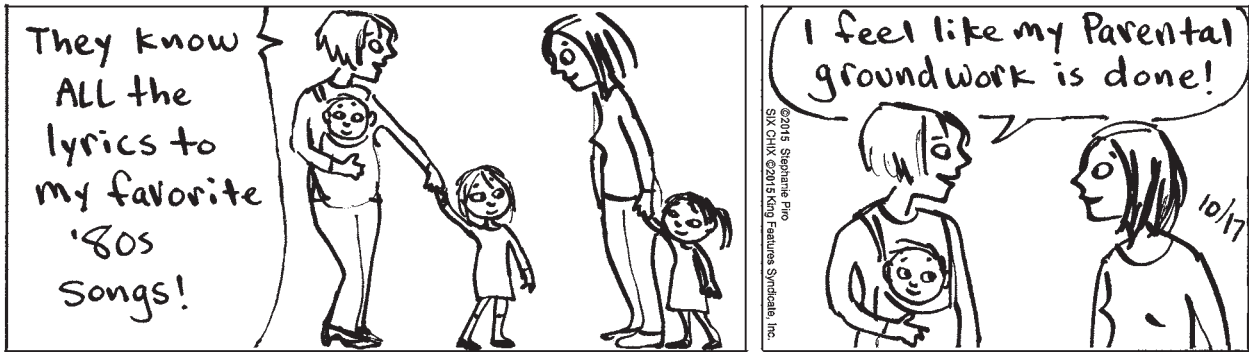
Ballmer, who was Microsoft's CEO for 14 years ending last year, is also the largest individual owner of Microsoft stock with a 4.2-percent stake. □



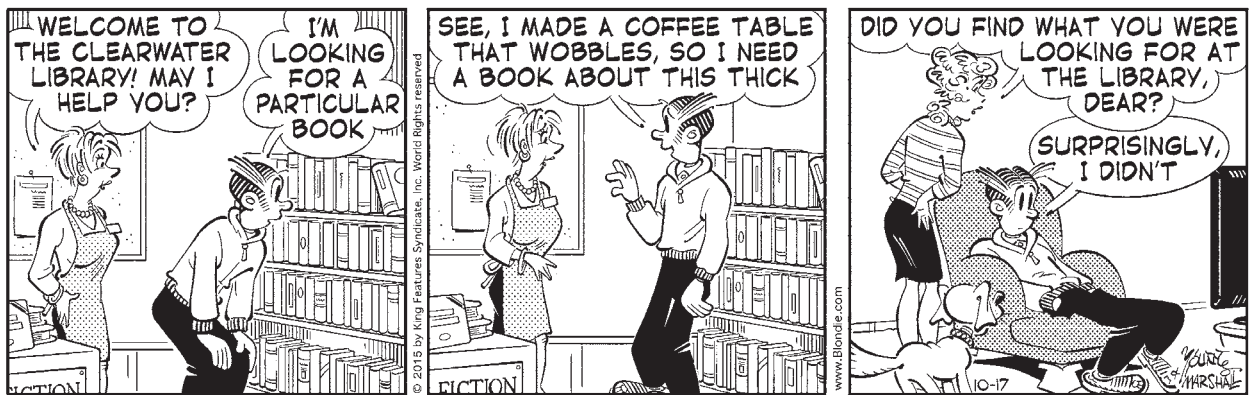
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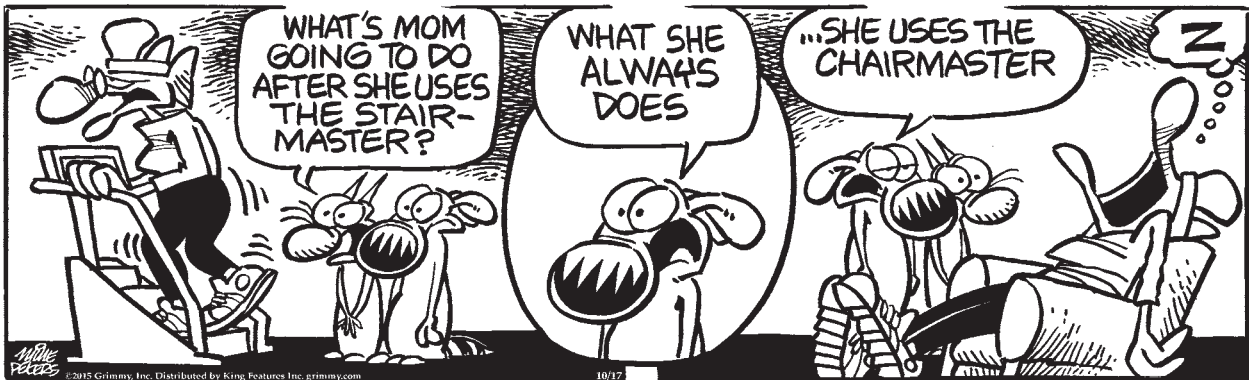
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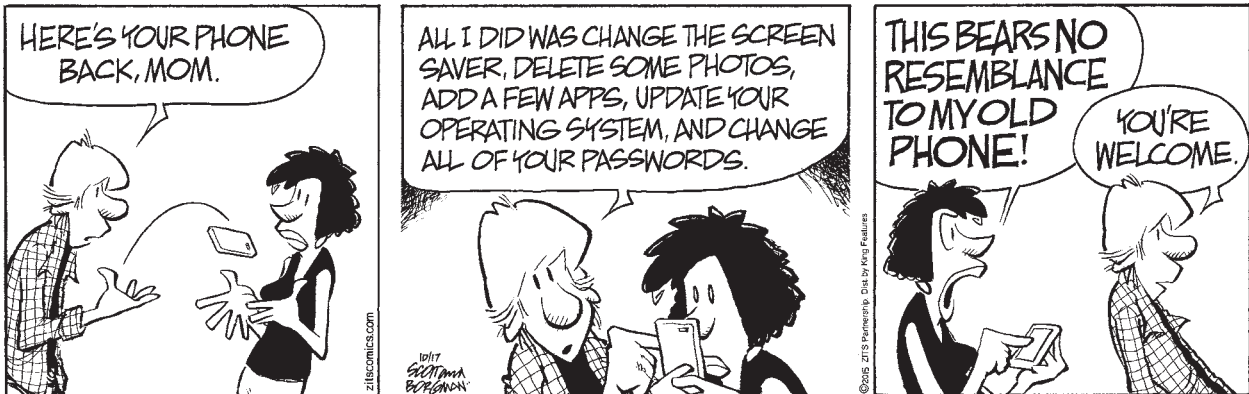
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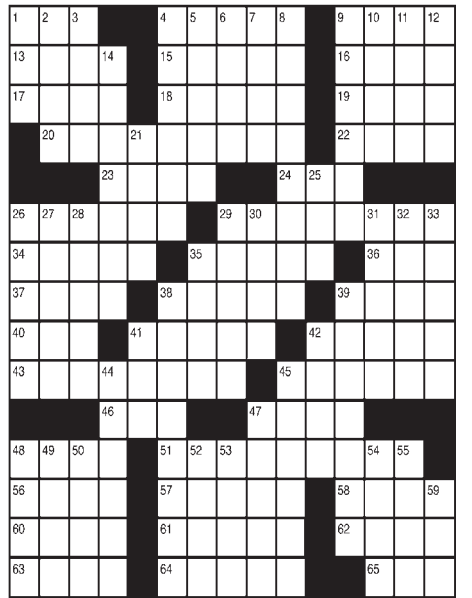
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

5	3	8	1	2	7	9	6	4
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4	7	6	9	8	5	3	2	1
6	4	1	7	5	9	2	3	8
2	9	3	4	6	8	1	7	5
8	5	7	2	1	3	6	4	9
3	6	4	8	7	1	5	9	2
7	8	9	5	3	2	4	1	6
1	2	5	6	9	4	7	8	3

## ACROSS

- Doris or Dennis
- Disney's "\_\_\_" in "Toyland"
- Money
- Frosted
- Barack \_\_\_
- \_\_\_ more; again
- Not far away
- Naval officer, for short
- Asterisk
- Most run-down
- Obey
- Rogers or Estes
- Wedding words
- USMC member
- Land along a highway's edge
- In debt
- Hot \_\_\_ sundae
- Reed or Harrison
- Jab of pain
- Never to be mentioned
- Make gentle
- Curvy letter
- Not as damp
- In a \_\_\_-miss manner; haphazardly
- Sheep trimmers
- Rat or mouse
- Actress Arthur
- Epiphany visitors
- Chances
- Override; take the place of
- Señora in Berlin
- Bring together
- Caspian and Caribbean
- Jamie of "M\*A\*S\*H"
- Irks
- Protective canvas cover
- Grew old
- Chris of the tennis world
- \_\_\_ the coop; hightail it



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## Friday's Puzzle Solved

## DOWN

- Racket
- Highest cards
- Slangy reply
- Wiggle up and down, like the head of a ballpark doll
- As sore as \_\_\_
- Military post
- Flightless birds
- Chile's capital
- Universe
- One opposed
- Read quickly
- Group of cattle
- Sketching
- Singer Crosby
- Ike's initials
- Sulks
- \_\_\_ in; inundated by
- Hose down
- Local yokels
- Smell
- Up in arms
- Speed \_\_\_; fast driver
- Put forth effort

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- Just; equitable
- Cherish
- Neatest
- Rapper Dr. \_\_\_
- Monopolizes
- Ridiculous
- Most unusual
- "Lovely Rita, \_\_\_ maid..."
- As easy as falling \_\_\_ log
- Boring event
- Show courage
- SMU or USC
- Stack
- Unable to hear
- \_\_\_ Grey tea
- Secret agent



## Day of Range

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Abbas condemned the arson as "irresponsible," ordered an investigation and promised quick repairs. The Palestinian leader has tried to lower the temperature, telling his security commanders that armed attacks on Israelis hurt Palestinian interests. However, he has also told his forces not to stop Palestinian stone-throwers heading to confrontations with Israeli troops. Dore Gold, a senior Israeli Foreign Ministry official, said Joseph's Tomb was targeted "just because it is a place in which Jews pray." Lt. Col. Peter Lerner, an Israeli army spokesman, said the attack violates freedom of worship and that the military will "bring the perpetrators of this despicable act to justice." For centuries, the site has been identified with the biblical Joseph but some Palestinians say it was a sheikh's grave or used as a mosque. The tomb has become a popular prayer site in recent years among some sects of religious Jews. The site is located in an area under Palestinian self-rule and visits by Jews are coordinated between Palestinian security forces and Israeli troops. In the West Bank city of Hebron, meanwhile, a 26-year-old Palestinian laborer posed as a journalist covering a

stone-throwing clash to get close to Israeli soldiers. Wearing a T-shirt with the word "press" in large letters on the front and back, the man mingled with journalists standing near the soldiers, who were firing tear gas at stone-throwers. At one point, shouts were heard, followed by several gunshots. Troops rushed to the scene where one of the soldiers had been stabbed, and administered aid to the wounded soldier who was eventually taken away by ambulance. The attacker, identified as Eyad Awawdeh, lay on the ground, clutching a knife in his right hand. The incident heightened concerns among journalists about their safety. Groups representing journalists, including the Foreign Press Association, said the impostor's actions could further endanger reporters, photographers and camera operators. "Everybody is worried that it will be open season on reporters," said Glenys Sugarman, executive director of the group, which represents journalists who work for international news outlets covering Israel, the West Bank and Gaza. The Foreign Press Association has complained of harassment by both Israeli and Palestinian forces, including cases in which reporters were beaten and equipment smashed. □

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## Fossil teeth show earliest sign of people in southern Asia

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**AP Science Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Dozens of fossil human teeth from a cave in China show that people lived in southern Asia more than 80,000 years ago, researchers report.

Before this, the earliest well-dated fossils firmly linked to our species in southern Asia were only around 45,000 years old. Our species, *Homo sapiens*, is thought to have appeared in Africa around 200,000 years ago and later spread to other continents. The details of that dispersal are still murky. The discovery in China's Hunan province argues against a theory that the first wave reached southern Asia only about 60,000 years ago.

The finding may mean that people arrived in multiple waves, said Maria Martinon-Torres of University College London, a study author.

She and authors from China and elsewhere reported the discovery of 47 teeth in the journal *Nature* on Wednesday. They could not date the teeth directly, but analysis of nearby mineral samples and animal fossils indicated the teeth are somewhere between 80,000 and 120,000 years old.

The finding raises the question of why our spe-

cies didn't enter Europe until only about 40,000 to 45,000 years ago. Maybe Neanderthals crowded them out, basically out-competing them as hunter-gatherers until their populations started to fade, the researchers suggest.

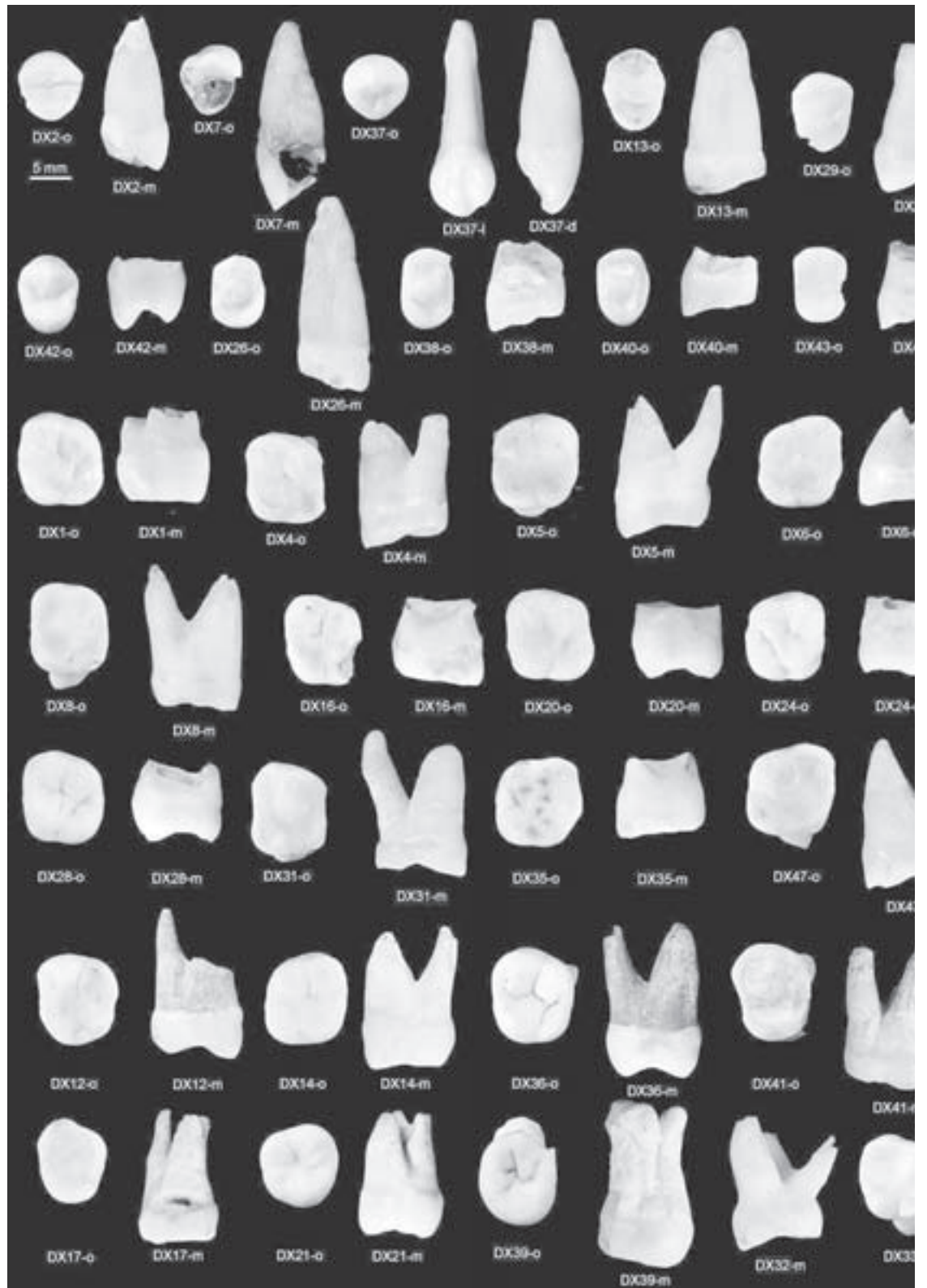
In a journal commentary, Robin Dennell of the University of Exeter in England suggests that cold winters might be a better explanation.

Eric Delson of Lehman College in New York, who was not part of the research, called the discovery potentially exciting. But given the implications, he said, the researchers must present a more detailed documentation of the geological setting of the find, which is crucial for the age estimate.

Shara Bailey, an expert on the evolution of human teeth at New York University who also didn't participate in the research, said some teeth appear to have cavities, which is unusual for humans living so long ago. Cavities aren't common until the appearance of agriculture changed the human diet about 10,000 years ago, she said. □

This photo provided by the journal *Nature* shows human upper teeth found in the Fuyan Cave of Hunan province in southern China.

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# New York City police recruits to watch a play for training

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AP Drama Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The New York City Police Department is turning to a new tool in its effort to teach its future officers about tolerance and understanding — drama.

The city's Police Academy has added the one-act play "Anne & Emmett" by Janet Langhart Cohen to its recruit training this fall. The play is an imaginary conversation between Anne Frank, who died in a Nazi concentration camp, and Emmett Till, who was killed by racists in Mississippi in 1955.

The play will be performed for some 1,100 recruits at their academy in Queens over two performances on Thursday, part of a push by the department to prepare future police officers to overcome community mistrust and their own bias. "Sometimes you can't get it in a text book. Sometimes you can't get it in a lecture. But you can get it when human emotions are played live on the stage and that humanity can connect," Cohen said Friday. "If the play can reach one man or woman with a badge and a gun, I'm happy. Their training can take them only so far. The body cams will only cover so much. At some point, I'm hoping their humanity will kick in and hopefully this play will revive that humanity."

It was Commissioner William J. Bratton who, after seeing a production downtown, asked to take it to the recruits. In a statement, he called the play "a poignant and thoughtful production that explores the respective histories and common experiences of two people cruelly victimized by racial and religious prejudice." Since Bratton took office



In this Dec. 29, 2014 file photo, NYPD police commissioner Bill Bratton stands on stage during a New York Police Academy graduation ceremony in New York.

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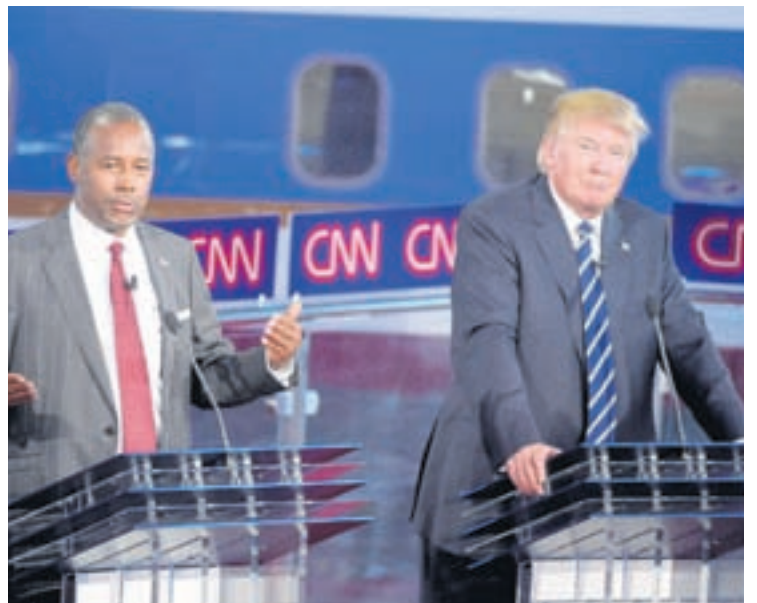
in 2014, he has sought to change how the department interacts with the communities it serves, following years of rising mistrust and a stop-and-frisk policy that was found to have targeted minorities. But the death last year of Eric Garner, an unarmed black man, helped fuel a national public outcry over how communities of color are treated by police.

In the play, the two teens meet and find similarities between their harrowing experiences. Cohen, a former journalist who grew up in segregated housing in Indianapolis and is the wife of the former Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen, said she jumped at Bratton's idea. "I thought, 'Where better than at the tip of spear of law enforcement, where we African-Americans, in particular, are having so much trouble with excessive force, with police brutality, with disproportionate

stop and frisks?'" Cohen said. "They don't always see us the way they see each other."

"Anne & Emmett" premiered in 2009 at the United States Holocaust Museum and has been performed in Washington, D.C., Indianapolis and Chicago. Its message of humility, dignity and empathy has played for students and Supreme Court justices. The New York police department is discussing making it a permanent part of its recruit training.

"We're always looking for new ways for recruits to tackle the challenges of policing in a multicultural society like we have in New York City," said Inspector Richard Dee, the executive officer of the police academy. "It's a way for recruits to self-reflect. I think the production is going to cause them to reflect on the history of race relations and now their new-found role." □



In this Sept. 16, 2015 file photo, Republican presidential candidates, businessman Donald Trump, right, and Ben Carson appear during the CNN Republican presidential debate at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley, Calif.

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## 3rd Republican presidential debate to be capped at 2 hours

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AP Television Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — CNBC and the Republican presidential candidates agreed on the format for their third debate a day after leaders Donald Trump and Ben Carson threatened to boycott unless they got their way, the network said.

The Oct. 28 debate will be two hours long and will include closing statements from the candidates, CNBC spokesman Brian Steel said Friday.

The billionaire businessman and the retired neurosurgeon, in a joint letter to CNBC's Washington bureau chief on Thursday, had told the hosting network they would not appear at the debate unless it was capped at two hours including commercials and the candidates were allowed to speak directly to the camera at its opening and close. The Republican National Committee and candidates began discussing the format on Wednesday, RNC spokesman Sean Spicer said.

CNBC had proposed two hours of debating time not including four commercial breaks, meaning the time the candidates would be onstage would be about 15 minutes longer.

The most recent debate, on CNN, lasted three hours with commercial breaks, a duration that left some of the candidates complaining. Since the debates have set records for high ratings, television networks have an incentive to keep the candidates onstage and on the air for as long as they possibly can.

CNBC had initially called for no opening and closing statements, which made some candidates unhappy because it would take away their best chance to speak directly to voters without having to be called on to respond to a question.

Spicer confirmed the agreement.

Debate format squabbles are common in presidential campaigns, an issue magnified this year because of the number of candidates running and their popularity as television events. Trump had threatened not to appear on the second GOP debate on CNN unless the network made a \$10 million donation to charity; no donation was made, and Trump appeared. □



# CBS bans advertising for critical film

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — CBS has refused to run advertising for "Truth," the film starring Cate Blanchett and Robert Redford that revisits a painful episode in the network's past involving a discredited 2004 news story on former President George W. Bush's military service record.

CBS has denounced the movie, which opens Friday, as a disservice to the public and journalists.

Redford plays Dan Rather in "Truth," with Blanchett as producer Mary Mapes. Together, they were behind a "60 Minutes II" story that questioned Bush's Vietnam War-era commitment to service in the Texas Air National Guard. But CBS apologized for the story after documents used were called into question and could not be verified. Mapes and three news executives were fired.

Sony Pictures Classics sought a multi-million dollar ad buy to promote the film on Stephen Colbert's "Late Show," the "CBS Evening News," "CBS This Morning" and "60 Minutes," but was turned down, said Sherri Callan, president of Callan Advertising, the company that places ads for Sony. Instead, Sony is advertising on ABC, NBC, Fox and several cable networks. CBS, which confirmed the rejection, told Callan it was not comfortable accepting the ads because of inaccuracies and distortions in the movie, and that it would offend longtime CBS News employees.

"It's astounding how little truth there is in 'Truth,'" said Gil Schwartz, longtime chief spokesman for CBS Corp. and a character in the movie. "There are, in fact, too many distortions, evasions and baseless conspiracy theories to enumerate them all. The film tries to turn gross errors of journalism and judgment into acts of heroism and martyrdom.

"That's a disservice not just to the public but to journalists across the world who go out every day and



In this image released by Sony Pictures Classics, Robert Redford portrays Dan Rather in a scene from, "Truth." Associated Press

do everything within their power, sometimes at great risk to themselves, to get the story right," he said.

"Truth" is told from the points of view of Mapes and Rather, who left CBS News on bitter terms in 2006. He unsuccessfully sued the network and has complained of being "erased" from CBS history. Rather and Mapes have always contended that despite the discredited documents, the underlying story about Bush was true.

In the movie, Rather is portrayed sympathetically by Redford, the actor who played crusading journalist Bob Woodward generations ago. One of the final scenes shows Rather signing off from his last "CBS Evening News" broadcast, with staff members giving him a standing ovation when the camera light switched off.

Brad Fischer, one of the film's producers, expressed surprise about CBS' public denunciation.

"I don't think anyone expected them to send flowers," Fischer said. "To get an official statement from them that is negative was not surprising to anyone involved in the film. I think the one thing that surprised everyone was the tone and the emotional nature."

Redford and Rather have appeared on NBC's "Today" show to talk about the movie, and Blanchett was on ABC's "Good Morning America." Don't expect similar discussions on CBS News: The network's popular "Sunday Morning" broadcast considered Redford for an interview but it was nixed by Executive Producer Rand Morrison, said an executive familiar with Sony's promotional plans who did not want to be identified because of the sensitivity of the role.

Blanchett appeared on CBS' "Late Show" on Oct. 8, however. Colbert asked her about the film and played a clip of her Mapes portrayal.

In the movie, the independent panel charged with examining CBS' reporting was depicted as hostile and eager to probe into whether Mapes was politically motivated to go after Bush, at the time in the midst of a tough reelection campaign. The panel's report said the facts did not conclude CBS was motivated by an anti-Bush attitude. But producers were criticized for a "myopic zeal" in rushing the story to air.

Some at CBS News are angered by an implication that news executives were pressured to quash the

story by corporate owners Viacom, which had business reasons to maintain friendly relations with the Bush administration. A low-level producer is depicted in the movie giving an angry speech about Viacom as the story was falling apart. Mapes was only months removed from a career triumph — breaking an award-winning story about mistreatment of prisoners in Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison, a story embarrassing to the Bush administration whose veracity wasn't questioned.

The issue presented to filmgoers is whether the so-called "truth" of a story matters more than faults in trying to nail it down. Fischer points out that portions of the film are unflattering to Mapes, particularly the rush to get the story on the air. Fischer said filmmakers were attracted by the intersection of news, politics and business and the story's status as one of the first to be undone by an Internet outcry.

"I'm excited for people to see the film, and talk about the issues and ask the questions themselves," he said, "because I don't think the movie really draws a conclusion about these things. I don't think it's our job as filmmakers to draw a conclusion, but rather to pose the questions." □

## Review: 'Dark Reservations' is briskly paced



This photo provided by Minotaur Books shows the cover of the book, "Dark Reservations," by author John Fortunato Associated Press

OLINE H. COGDILL

Associated Press

Politics, greed and Native American artifacts provide a sturdy foundation for the compelling debut by John Fortunato, the latest winner of the Tony Hillerman prize.

The Hillerman Prize is awarded annually to a debut author whose crime fiction honors the work of the late Hillerman and utilizes a Southwest setting.

"Dark Reservations" is a worthy addition to this prize as it delivers a highly entertaining, multilayered plot steeped in the culture of the Southwest and laden with believable characters. Fortunato constructs the novel with a series of vignettes — some only a page in length — from the points of view of myriad characters. These many episodes work as each scene, no matter how short or who is the focus, carefully interlocks with the next and adds to the plot's intrigue while also maintaining focus on the novel's main character, Joe Evers.

Joe, an agent with the Bureau of Indian Affairs based in Albuquerque, New Mexico, is three months away from a forced retirement, the result of a botched case that has lost him the respect of his colleagues and supervisors who consider him "a walking mess." His depression and drinking brought on because of his wife's death has only intensified. But he has one final case — "Clear it and you go out big," his supervisor tells him. □





In this Sept. 4, 2015, photo, Kevin Olusola, from left, Kristie Maldonado, Scott Hoying, Mitch Grassi and Avi Kaplan of the group Pentatonix pose for a portrait at Sony Music Nashville in Nashville, Tenn., to promote their latest album, "Pentatonix" Associated Press

## Grammy winners Pentatonix finally getting airplay

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**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** — Pentatonix already has a Grammy, millions of fans on social media and platinum album sales, but there was still something missing for the five-part vocal group. With the release of their new single, "Can't Sleep Love," the a cappella group is finally getting airplay for a song they wrote. "I feel like that is the missing piece," said Avi Kaplan, the group's bass singer. "That's always been something that's very, very far away. And it's like that would be really cool, but now it's actually happening." The group's members co-wrote all but one song on their first full-length self-titled album, out on Oct. 16. But even with their success of their previous releases, including two Christmas albums and three EPs, putting out an album of original a cappella songs is still somewhat of a gamble. "With a cappella, it's like a tightrope," said Scott Hoying, one of the group's lead singers. "Because people are already nervous about playing an a cappella song, cause they don't know if it is going to work or not." "Can't Sleep Love," which has gotten to No. 25 on Billboard's Adult Contemporary chart, shows off their skills at arranging their unique vocal

sounds and also crafting a catchy pop melody, all without instruments. "Original music a vulnerable thing, we have learned," said Hoying. "We have so much to say, but we are so nervous because how are people going to receive it. Because we have just done covers for so long. So this is the moment for sure." The band is made of a trio of lead singers, Hoying, Mitch Grassi and Kirstin Maldonado, with Kaplan and beatboxer Kevin "K.O." Olusola providing the bass and percussive sounds. They won NBC's "The Sing-Off" in 2011, but it was their YouTube covers of Daft Punk, Imagine Dragons and Beyonce that saved their recording careers. Olusola said the videos gave fans something they hadn't gotten before. "They want to see me doing the beatbox thing, and they want to see (Kaplan) hitting those crazy low notes," Olusola said. "They want to see the trio doing their runs and everything. We have kept to that formula in most of our videos, so that people can actually see that we are actually doing this with our voices, with our mouths." But they had to throw in one cover on the new album, a version of Shia's '90 R&B classic, "If I Ever Fall in Love" featuring guest vocals from Jason Derulo. □

## Listen up, NBC: Gwen Stefani's not done with 'The Voice'



In this May 16, 2015 file photo, Gwen Stefani arrives at An Evening with Women benefiting the Los Angeles LGBT Center in Los Angeles. Associated Press

LEANNE ITALIE

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Gwen Stefani is leaving "The Voice" this winter, when Christina Aguilera returns, but she's not done with the NBC show yet. She said in an interview Friday she'd love to return. Now about halfway through Season 9, Stefani already misses her show family. "They're all so smart, they're all lovely. They all got my back. I love them," she said. As for the rest of her life, she's trying to live in the here and now and enjoy a few "priceless surprises," a hashtag she's taken on for a private concert Saturday night for MasterCard cardholders. The California native and mom of three oozed joy backstage ahead of the exclusive appearance, so what's got Stefani so happy? "Everything. It's exciting. I'm in New York. Just that alone. ... I mean, I never went anywhere when I was a little girl," she smiled. And there's also the birth of her third child, Apollo, about 19 months ago, and the rest of this season on

"The Voice."

"I can't wait to get back on set and do the lives. It's so fun. It's the funnest thing I think I've ever done, and so inspiring," Stefani said. She's going through a phase, of sorts. "I don't have any plans for the future. In fact, my whole thing right now is not thinking about the past or the future and, like, being right here, right this second, because it's so great right now. It's such a great, amazing time," Stefani explained. So if she were a contestant rather than a judge on "The Voice," who would she pick as a mentor? "Impossible to answer, and I will not," she laughed. "But I would say, I know that I've worked with Pharrell before and I know what that feels like. I've worked with Adam and I know what that feels like. I've never worked with Blake so I don't know what that would be like, but I do know that me and Blake have a lot of similar tastes in people, in voices, which is a shock." Stefani's band, No Doubt, last put out an album in 2012, but she's recorded solo, made music with Phar-

rell and joined Eminem on a rap-rock turn, "Kings Never Die," for the soundtrack of the film "Southpaw." She also has put in some writing and studio time on a new solo album but hasn't announced its timing. "Kingston (her 9-year-old son) said, 'Mom you better get a hit,' so I'm gonna try to do that for him," she said. Meantime, she'll continue to juggle family and music and TV, acknowledging that the latter as far as "The Voice" is concerned has become less about finding the next superstar and more about helping out young talent. "How many Michael Jacksons are there in a lifetime, or in generations? They come along when they come along," Stefani said. "It's just a platform. There's so many talented people but there has to be magic and things, destiny and fate, and God, and all these things have to happen for a superstar to emerge." Would she survive the grueling competition? "I can't imagine doing what they do. I couldn't do it," she said. □



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